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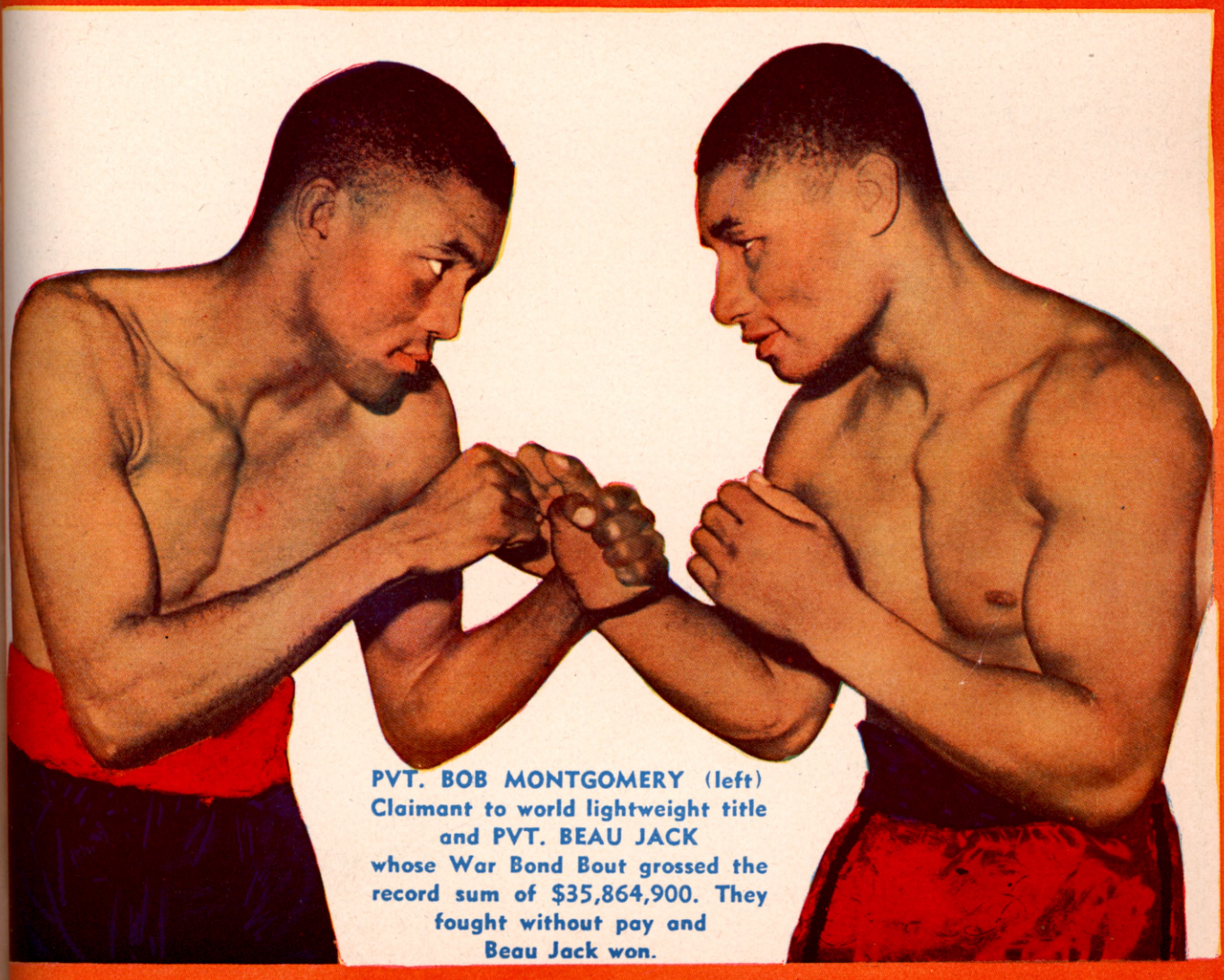

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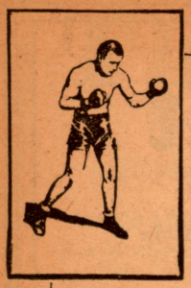

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# MARINES, BATTLE-WEARY, FIND RELAXATION FROM JAP KILLING IN BOXING

*By* T/SGT. BENJAMIN GOLDBERG

*A Marine Corps Combat Correspondent, formerly of the Boston "Post." Now Somewhere in the South Pacific*

OUT of the New Britain jungle came the Marines who routed the Jap from his Cape Gloucester stronghold—battle-weary, but knowing they had done a good job. To this rest camp they came, and immediately laid plans for more fighting—this time, within the squared circle, with gloves instead of guns.

Boxing is the most popular sport in this Leatherneck outfit. Baseball ranks high, but one can't always have a diamond in a swamp. And there's usually a set of gloves around and plenty of willing Marines.

Warrant Officer Lawrence A. McCarter, 23, of Corinth, Miss., the coach, who fought both as an amateur and pro in his home and surrounding states, and Private First Class Vin Panetta, 36, of Philadelphia, Pa., who has 112 pro battles under his belt as "Young Russo"—a welterweight—rounded up the lads and launched a training routine.

This is a rest camp, but quite different from a building-up spot such as Dr. Bier's, Pompton Lake, N. J., Madame Bey's, Summit, N. J., training quarters, or a farm in upstate New York. There was plenty of work to be done—construction of a camp, roads, docks, structures. The food—the boxers ate what the troops ate—C ration and a bit of fresh meat now and then; dehydrated spuds and powdered eggs. Fresh milk is something we haven't had for nearly a year.

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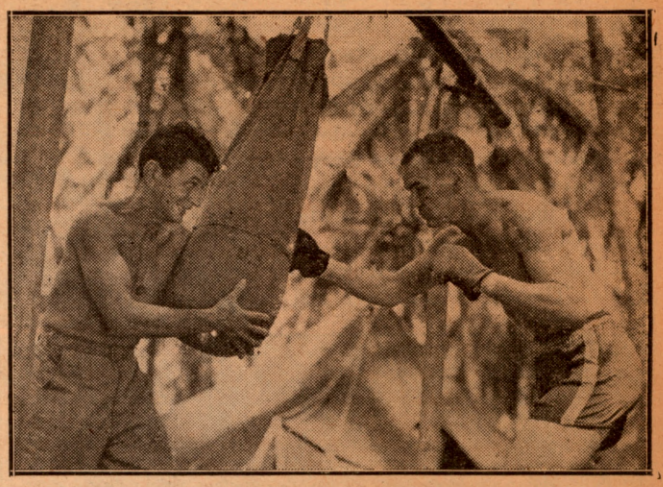
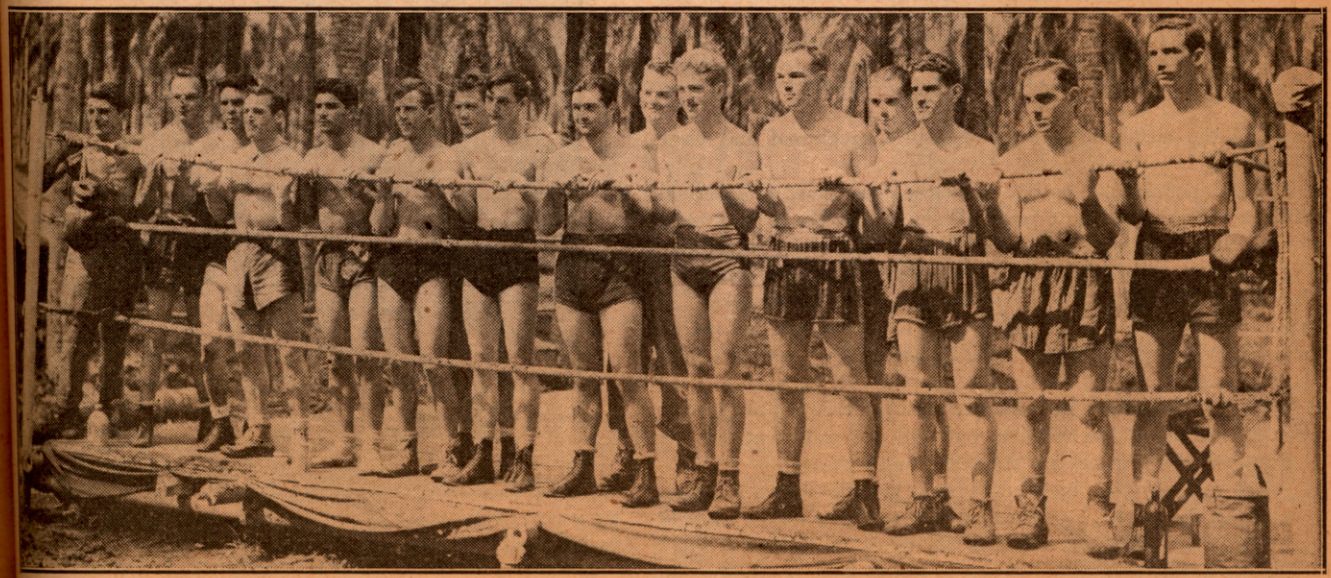
THE boxers built their own training spot in the cocoanut grove. They cleared trees and put up a regulation ring. The canvas was "padded" by the thickness of a blanket; the ring posts are steel bridge piers. Heavy punching bags are seabags reinforced by canvas and filled with sawdust. There are three light bags. Elastic bandage wangled from a hospital was cut and sewed to make crude athletic supporters. They served the purpose.



*WARMING UP—Seabags, reinforced with canvas and filled with sawdust, furnished heavy bags for the Marine boxing team, somewhere in the South Pacific. Team trainer, Pfc. Vin Panetta, 36, of Philadelphia, Pa., braces the bag against the powerful right of Pfc. Joe Tierney, 29, of Route 1, California, Ky.*

The boys toiled and trained in the equatorial heat. Up at 5 a. m. —before reveille—they did five miles of road work, jogging 200 or 300 yards and walking 100. They then had a 15-minute rest and took showers. Breakfast at 8 a. m.

In the forenoon, they tended to maintenance of the ring and equipment. In the afternoon, they worked out a couple of rounds for limbering up, two rounds with the light bag, and two rounds



*MARINES PLUS GLOVES, EQUALS SPORT—Evacuated to a South Pacific rest area, after fighting at Cape Gloucester, New Britain, these Marines, with much work and ingenuity, constructed this squared circle out of bridge pilings, extra blankets and salvaged canvas.*

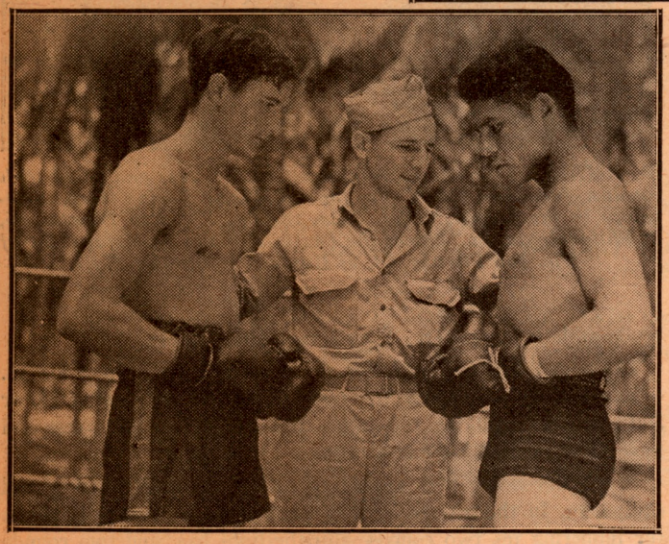
with the heavy bag. Then another two rounds of boxing, topped off with a round of rope-skipping and 10 minutes of calisthenics.

The boys were in good condition to start. After four months in New Britain jungles on rations, there wasn't any excess weight on their frames. But they needed the work-out to loosen up and sharpen the eye. Pushing leather did them a world of good.

* * *

THERE were enough candidates for all classes—from bantam- to heavyweight. You won't find flyweights in the Marines. Twenty-six boxers were chosen as best prospects, and eliminations were held to cut the number down to a dozen. No Madison Square Garden crowd had more enthusiasm than the thousands of Marines who thronged the cocoanut grove to watch the boys under naked electric lights. The fights are meat and

*MORNING WORKOUT—A Marine boxing team at a rest camp somewhere in the South Pacific jogs through a coconut grove as a part of training for coming bouts. The matches are put on by Marines resting after the battle of New Britain.*



*LEATHERNECK LEATHERPUSHERS—Ready to mix it up in the ring that Marines constructed themselves somewhere in the South Pacific for their own entertainment, are Corporal John C. Riddle, 20, of Fullerton, Ky. (left); Boxing Coach Marine Warrant Officer Lawrence A. McCarter, 23, of Route 5, Corinth, Miss. (center), and Pfc. Chief Quinton.*

drink to the men who've been through Guadalcanal and Cape Gloucester.

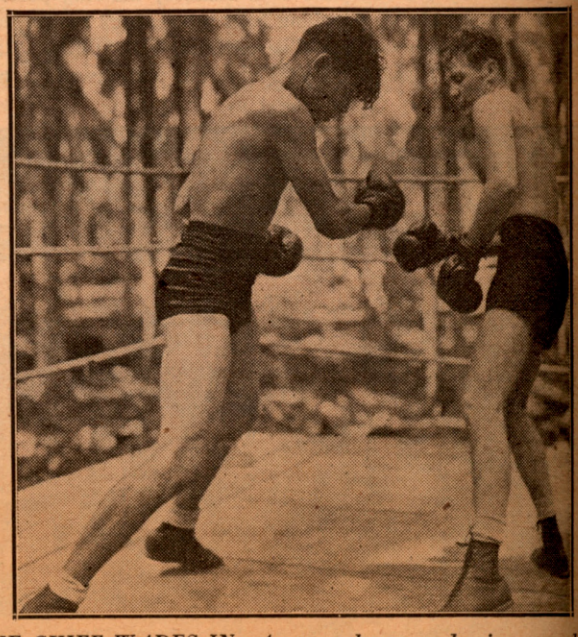
The boxers mixed it up and put on a good show. The second eliminations were held in a pouring rain. And when it rains here, boy, it seems that the clouds just tip over and dump everything. But the boys splashed around in the deluge and the spectators cheered them on. Between rounds, the ring was "bailed out." The canvas mat was slippery and many lads took a tumble, but got up to fight. Postponement isn't in the dictionary out here—not with the Marines.

Most of the boys have had amateur experience. A few are former pros. Some never had a glove on until the call went out for leather-pushers. Chances are slim that another Dempsey or Tunney will emerge from these unknowns, but the boys are giving everything they've got for their buddies and that means more in this remote spot than any big-time contest in the States.

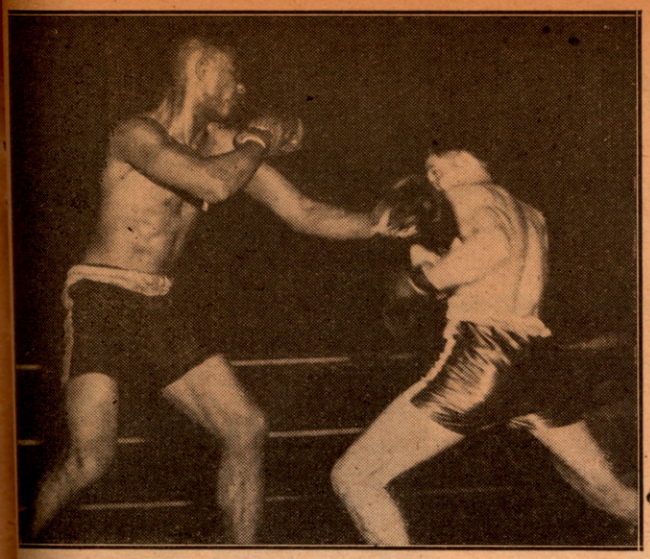
Boxing in this neck of the woods, in jungle land, is a recreation and no other sport affords so much pleasure to the lads as fisticuffs.

THERE'S Private First Class Joe Tierney, 29, of Route 1, California, Ky., at 180 pounds, who fought pro back home and has been through half a dozen battles here without being knocked down or defeated. And Private First Class Chief (cq) Quinton, 24-year-old full-blooded Cherokee Indian from Stillwell, Okla., with 15 amateur bouts behind him. He was runner-up in his home state's welterweight tournament in 1940. Chief fights like Henry Armstrong, hammering, boring-in, never retreating. He always pleases the boys.

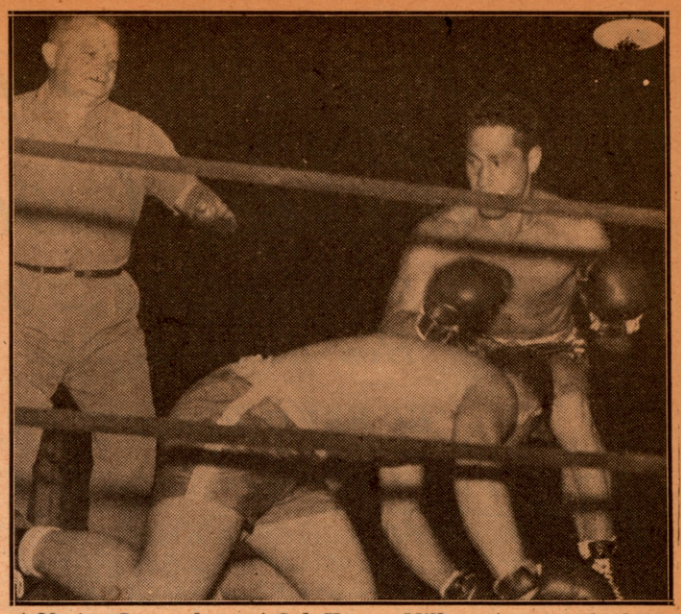
A lad who never wore a glove before *(Continued on page 42)*



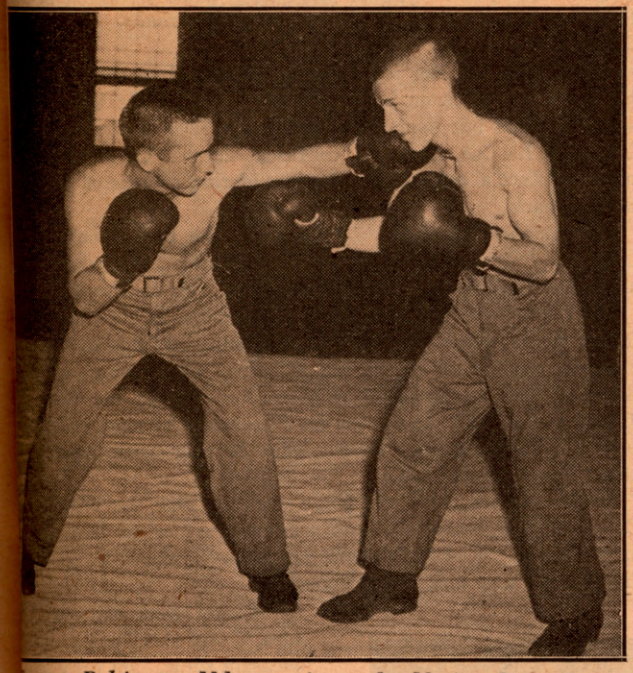
*THE CHIEF WADES IN—Across a home-made ring somewhere in the South Pacific, steps Pfc. Chief Quinton, 24, a Cherokee Indian from Stillwell, Okla. (left), to mix it up with Pfc. Dick McGinn, 20, of South Boston, Mass. They are part of a contingent of Marines resting after their part in the fighting at Cape Gloucester, New Britain.*



Pvt. John Zarveleski (right), faces Sgt. James Burnett at Aberdeen. The sergeant lands a beauty to the face as John comes forth to deliver a left hook.

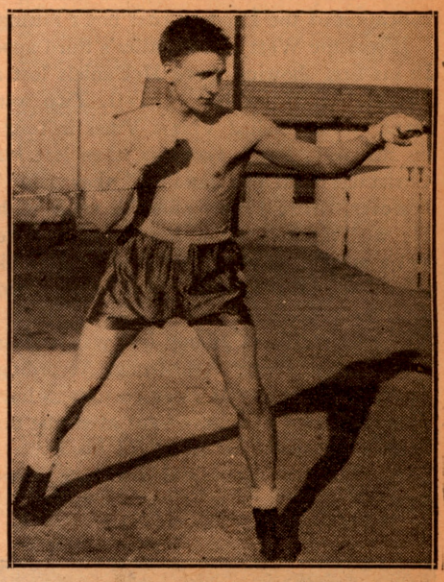


A Marine Corps photo of Col. Harvey Miller refereeing the bout between Calvin Cyr, 150, Marine Camp, Lejeune, and Pat Bogleami, 150, Marine Corps Air Station at Cherry Point. Cyr is on the deck. The decision went to his opponent.



These two Baltimore, Md., recruits at the Marine Corps Parris Island training base may be close buddies, but the fur always flies when they mix it up in the ring. They were leading amateur boxers at home. They are Private Albert J. Larkins (left) and Private Elmer J. Hinkle.

Camp Lee, Va., is fortunate in having in its ranks one of the best boxers that could be found in the states. He is 21-year-old Billy Verdon of Philadelphia. In the past few years he has fought sixty-five bouts and won 57 of them. Six were decisions. At Camp Lee he trains in his spare time and boxes for the amusement of the boys. His itinerary at present is from Camp Lee to Camp Pickett and the A. P. Hill Military Reservation.



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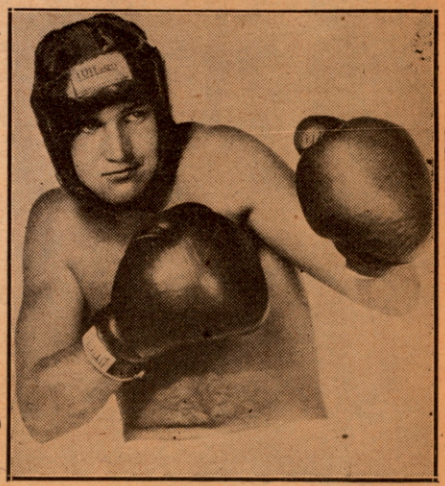
Sauer, New England boxer who is in the armed forces.

# BOXING, THE SOLDIERS' DELIGHT



Staff Sgt. Jack Backer of the U. S. Marine Corps, stationed at a Naval Air Station in Georgia, is the most promising heavyweight in Georgia. Backer, 19-year-old 180-pounder, was crowned heavyweight champion of his base. The only experience he had had before entering the Marine Corps two years ago was neighborhood boxing around Elmira, N. Y. He picked up some good pointers from his brother Danny now a Marine, a fine amateur boxer.

# Jimmy McDaniels Makes Good

## *Pacific Coast Welterweight's Kayo Wallop Lands Him Among the Elite*

*By* FRED EISENSTADT

*Jimmy McDaniels, latest sensation in welterweight ranks.*

IN trying to reach the heights, particularly in the fight game, courage, tenacity and confidence are most required. Jimmy McDaniels, California welterweight, is an excellent example of how far determination will take an ambitious lad. Jimmy, who did not appear in the September RING ratings, now ranks among the elite, because his jolting fists have been stowing away opponents in the East. The sensational manner in which he knocked out the dynamite-fisted Aaron Perry in three thrilling rounds at Madison Square Garden on August 18, is an indication of the Pacific Coast boy's hitting power.

It was the West Coast battler's third appearance at the Garden. In his first showing there McDaniels lost a six-rounder to Tony Ferrara, on November 14, 1941. Two weeks later, in the same arena, Jimmy halted Vinnie Vines in four heats. McDaniels and his manager, Ralph Gambina, then left for California "to spend Christmas with our families," they said. There they remained, however, where Jimmy plied his trade with but sporadic success. He won fights, drew a few times, reversed a loss or two, and lost a good number of battles to fighters like Eddie Booker, Costello Cruz, Cecil Hudson, Jack Chase, Cocoa Kid and one or two other good boxers.

One of the bouts Jimmy lost was a ten-rounder to the former triple-champ, Henry Armstrong. According to reports from Los Angeles, the bout was close enough to have been called a draw. That isn't hard to believe—not after the brand of ring-work McDaniels has displayed in all of his bouts since coming to New York. Jimmy's speed and punching power kept the fans on edge.

WHAT thrilled the spectators most was McDaniels in-fighting. He's a good long-range scrapper, too. He shoots a fast left jab and fires a sweet right cross. But it's when he gets in close that he shines. He pounds a tattoo on his rival's ribs with terrific force and he sends in short but damaging jolts to the face at the same time. Generally his foe, hurt and confused, doesn't know whether to try and effect a defense for the bewildering two-fisted attack or to fight back.

His opponents usually fold up under the body bombardment. Only one, Steve Riggio, of the four Jimmy has opposed since his return East managed to stay the limit with McDaniels.

His battle with Perry bristled with action. It was one of the fastest fights seen in the Garden in months and one of the most exciting. Getting off the canvas at "nine," after being sent there with a short but powerful right to the chin in the first heat, Jimmy proceeded to annihilate the Negro boy by ripping into him with a devastating body attack. This wearing-down process prepared Perry for the kill.

McDaniels was born on November 15, 1920, in Washington, D. C., of Scotch-Irish parents and went to live in Los Angeles at the age of six. A high school graduate, Jimmy is an intelligent and clever young man. He is married.

"It is an admittedly unoriginal idea," said McDaniels with a pleasant smile, "but my main desire to succeed in the ring emanates from my desire to provide my father and mother with their own home and money enough to live in comfort. Naturally, I expect to look after my wife and myself, too."

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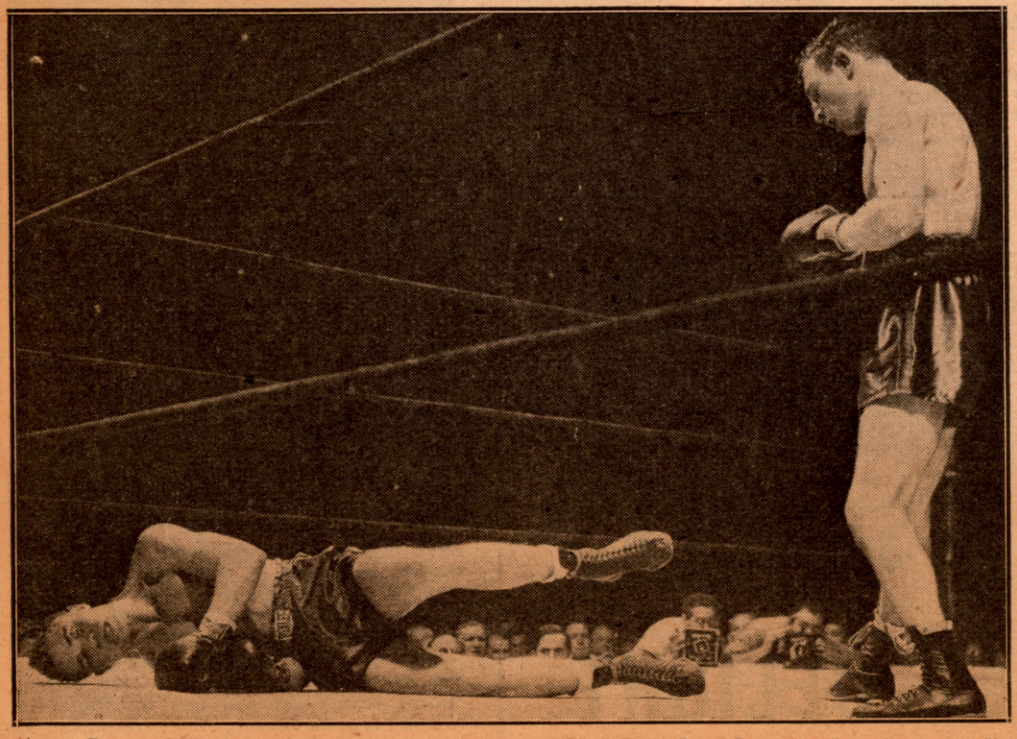
JIMMY'S boxing career began about the age of twelve when he engaged in church benefit bouts.

"I've known McDaniels," said his manager, Ralph Gambina, "ever since he was a little kid, and I looked after him when he began his career. Later I turned him over to Gabriel De Maria, who handled Jimmy during his short amateur course, as I had other affairs to attend to at the time. After boxing about fifteen times, Jimmy turned pro in 1938—but he quit the ring from December 20, 1938 to January 2, 1940 because he would have no



*Aaron Perry of Washington lies on the floor as Jimmy McDaniels of Los Angeles, the man who flattened him, stands by in the fourth round of their Garden battle.*

# WOUNDED GI RISKS SIGHT TO GET GLIMPSE OF JOE LOUIS

Special to THE RING
*(From Somewhere in the Mediterranean Combat Zone)*

## *By* PVT. TOM EPHREM

IT has been the good fortune of brother Vic and I to meet Joe Louis on his tour of the combat zones in Europe and after watching him and his troupe perform for the men in the rest camps and the wounded in the field hospitals, I daresay that his trip overseas has done a world of good for the morale of our boys. His popularity has been attested to by the tremendous ovations he has received wherever he has appeared. No movie star has been greeted by our fighting men with more enthusiasm than that displayed when the Brown Bomber got into action.

Ask any GI in Europe who has seen Joe and his troupe how he feels about his trip and he will tell you that it has been one grand morale builder. Here are two stories that will give the folks back home an opportunity to see what Joe's presence in the combat regions means.

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LOUIS and his sparring mates were billed to appear at a hospital filled with wounded men from the battlefields brought across the Channel from the French shore. Most of the men could see the shadowy outlines of the French coast, but there was one lad, a Tennessean, who couldn't see. His eyes were bandaged to keep the light away, for he was seriously wounded.

The boy had heard a round of applause and asked what it was for.

"For Joe Louis," remarked his wounded comrade.

"Hell, I want to see Joe," replied the Tennessee lad.

But he couldn't get the nurse to remove the bandage. He called for the doctor and he, likewise, refused to grant that permission.

"It might cost you your sight, son," said the Doctor gently.

But the soldier was determined. He had heard so much about the champ and here was a chance to greet him and greet him he would no matter what the cost.

"Doc, please remove the bandages from my eyes so that I can get a glimpse of Joe."

"Sorry, son, it can't be done."

"But sir," insisted the youth, "let me have just one look at him. Gee, Doc, I've read so much about Joe and here he is and I can't even look at him. I'll take my chance with my eyesight."

The surgeon looked at the boy, then at Joe Louis. He was in a quandary.

He consulted with another medico and then carefully removed the covering. The nurse put some drops into the wounded patient's eyes to enable him to keep them open for a few minutes.

At first the lad found himself in the dark, but when the nurse had completed her little task, with a joyous smile the soldier held out his hand for Joe to grasp. It wasn't easy for Joe to hold back his tears.

"This is the happiest moment of my life," the wounded boy said, as Louis with a forced smile and tears trickling down his cheeks, held the soldier's hand in his and said:

"You'll be O.K. pal. We've got good doctors and they'll make you well."

With that the soldier willingly consented to have his eyes bandaged again but he'll always remember that happy moment when he shook the hands of the world's heavyweight titleholder.

Those who witnessed the meeting, figure the world heavyweight king had added years to the life of that helpless soldier. That's what makes Louis' tour so worthwhile.

What a champion!

AND here's another. At an airfield in England where Joe and his comrades were to give an exhibition for men who were most active in the bombing of the Nazis over Europe, an American bomber came limping in from a raid over Germany. The plane was shot to smithereens and the boys came back with only two motors running and a prayer in their hearts for a safe landing. Just as the ship reached the end of the field, it crashed and all but three of the crew were killed.

Louis with Captain Maly, in charge of the tour, and the other members of the troupe, raced down the stretch to give first aid. Joe was first at the side of the injured. He placed the head of one of the men on his knees while waiting for the medical aid to arrive.

When the wounded airman finally regained consciousness, he looked up, saw the face of the famous fighter, beamed with delight despite his injuries and remarked:

"Well, I'll be damned; who would have thought to meet you! It's Joe Louis!"

He got his first peep at the champ—a meeting that brought joy to the survivor of that wrecked plane.

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JOE LOUIS has proved himself a great soldier in more than one way. True he has not shouldered a gun on the battlefields but he has accomplished far more for the morale of our boys than any amount of gun toting would have done.

The men of our armed forces are proud of the champ for those who have seen him doing his bit as the War Department wants him to do it, know of the esteem with which the king of the heavyweights is held by the men who are fighting the Battle for Democracy.

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other manager but me." Ralph wagged his head in wonder and admiration.

McDaniels has participated in about fifty pro fights—which means there are plenty of fights left in him for Jimmy is a healthy, clean-living young man. Although he's battled the toughest men on the West Coast, he carries hardly a mark to indicate his profession.

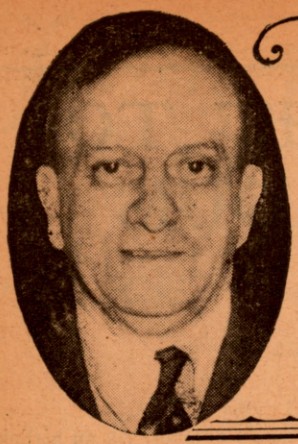
Gambina says that he brought his protege to New York because McDaniels was practically forced to fight middleweights. "And Jimmy only weighs 143 pounds," declared Ralph. "There seem to be more welters in the East—at least more who are willing to fight Jimmy."

McDaniels' first opponent in New York was Pete Galiano, a rugged scrapper who can fight when he wants to—or has to. McDaniels kayoed him in two rounds at the Queensboro Arena, breaking Pete's jaw. It was a most exciting bout.

Next came Buster Tyler. He lasted the same number of rounds in a sparkling battle at the same arena.

Steve Riggio—a clever ringman who had made quite a name for himself by outpointing the hard-punching Rocky Graziano, twice, at Madison Square Garden—was Jimmy's next victim. Riggio went the entire eight rounds but took an unmerciful hammering about the body to earn that distinction. He was sent to the canvas a few times, as a result of the Californian's torrid wallops around the midriff, taking a nine-count, his face contorted in agony.

By that time Jimmy had earned a bout in the Garden in a main event. He got Aaron Perry, who proved another stepping stone in McDaniels' progress.



# Nat FLEISCHER says:

## Cerdan Is No Product of the Present War

## Has Been Fighting as a Pro for 8 Years

## Boxing Is Endangered by "Comebacks"

AS this edition of THE RING Magazine goes to press, Marcel Cerdan, of the French Navy, middleweight champion of France, is headed for this country.

It seems necessary to point out just who this Cerdan is, and who he is not. THE RING is not under the impression that Cerdan is coming here under false colors, and as the result of a misrepresentation. But so much that is not true has been written about the man from North Africa that it becomes essential to give his history.

Cerdan knocked out the American finalist, Joe Di Martino, of Stratford, Conn., in the first round of the senior welter, or 150 pound class, title fight in the allied tournament in the St. Eugene tournament in Algeria.

Before Di Martino went into service he was just an ordinary club fighter around Bridgeport. Even then, it is a question what Cerdan would have done against Di Martino had the American had a chance to do any training.

Commander Gene Tunney, of the Navy, returned to this country shouting about a tremendous discovery, a new fighter who was sure to win the world middleweight title after the war. Jack Sharkey came back with similar encomium.

The fight fans in this country have got the impression that Cerdan is a product of the war, a new fighter without professional experience. Many think Marcel is the 1944 counterpart of the 1918 Tunney, Homer Martin and Bop Roper.

However, Cerdan has been a professional fighter since 1936, and he is not exactly a kid. The records show that Marcel was born on July 22, 1916, at Bel-Abbes, Algeria. He is 28 years of age.

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CERDAN started out as an amateur in 1934. I saw him box in Paris. In 1936, at Casablanca, he beat Antoine Abad on points in 10 rounds. Then he outpointed Hergane in 10, also at Casablanca. In his third fight he stopped Joe Martinez, in the ninth, at Oran.

Cerdan fought 17 bouts in North Africa, beating a lot of low grade fighters. Finally, on October 7, 1937, Marcel made his appearance in Paris, outpointing Louis Jampton in 10 heats. Jean Morin was his victim in the next fight in Paris, again on points, in 10.

Cerdan's first notable triumph was achieved on January 13, 1938, at Paris, when he stopped Eddie Ran in the second round. Ran was a Polish welter who came to the United States and for a time he looked as if he might make a fair fighter, but he turned out to be a low-grade knockout victim.

Cleto Locatelli, the Italian, went 12 rounds and lost on points to Cerdan in Paris on May 5, 1938. By that time the Algerine had gained the middleweight championship of France by outpointing Omar Kouidri in 12 rounds.

On January 9, 1939, Marcel showed up in London and won from Harry Craster in the fifth round, by disqualification. Soon Marcel appeared in the French Navy, and eventually he got back to his native Algeria.

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OF course, fighters sometimes come along fast and it is conceivable that Cerdan deserves all the out-on-a-limb encomiums he has received from Commander Tunney and Jack Sharkey.

However, the fact remains that Cerdan is not purely a service product and that he was a professional champion of France before he got into the war.

There is another matter connected with the Cerdan trip here that calls for clearing up.

It has been announced that he is making the journey here because he will fight solely for French war charities.

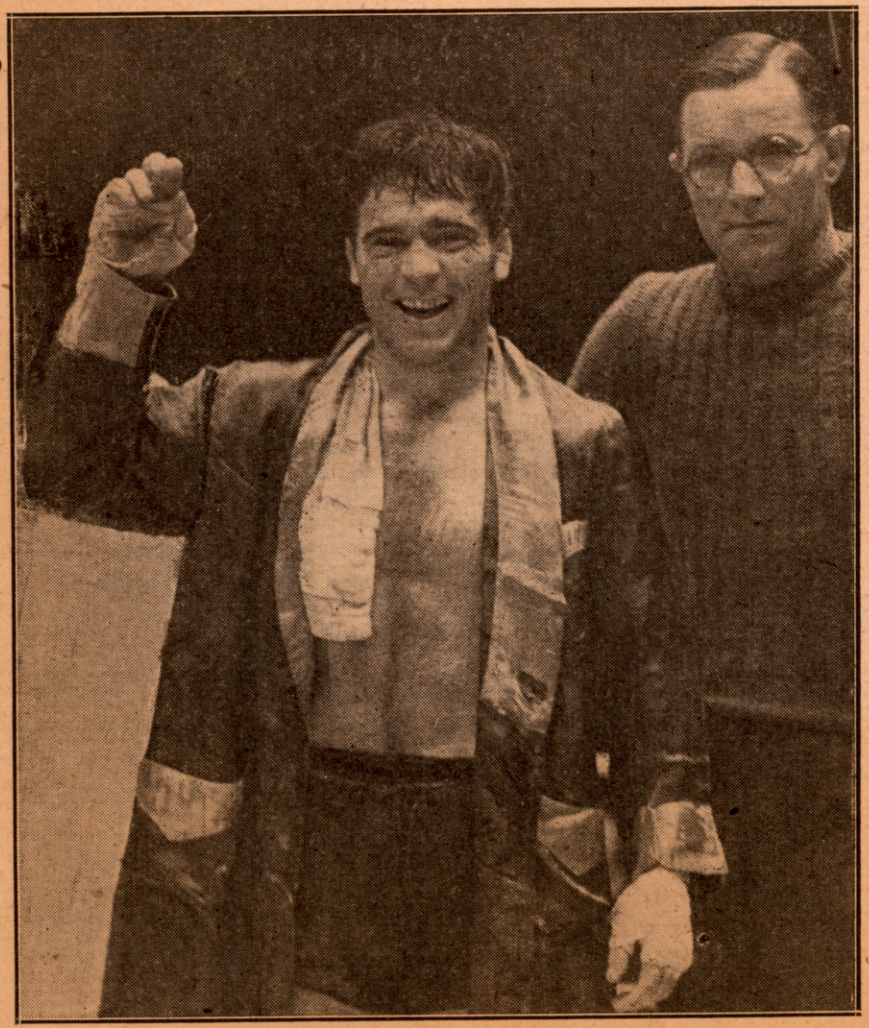

*Photo of Marcel Cerdan taken on the day that he beat Saverio Turiello, Italian champion, at the Pacale des Sports in 1936. The fight, promoted by the late Jeff Dickson, gained for Cerdan the European welterweight title.*

Is this statement true? Is Cerdan to fight only for war charity benefits, or is his trip going to have definite connections with a money-making scheme?

It is important that the Cerdan tour start under perfectly frank auspices, and in absolutely clear and clean circumstances. Otherwise Cerdan may find himself involved in a mess that will handicap his title quest, and smirch his record.

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THE second death in New Jersey of a "comeback" boxer, bears out the contention of this publication that the danger zone has been reached and it behooves the commissions around the country to be on their guard in the granting of licenses to veterans eager to don the gloves again in an effort to cash in while there remains a scarcity of good talent. When Lem Franklin died following his bout with Larry Lane, stress was laid on the fact that commission doctors could be held responsible for a physical condition that could be gauged only with the aid of an X-Ray.

Granted that this is correct in cases on a brain clot, the commissions and their medical aids can do much to help boxing by ignoring the pleas of money-hungry fight managers and turning down requests for licenses to former retired boxers, those who have seen better days and have proved that they no longer can stand up against youth and take the punishment that vigorous young men, physically fit, can mete out to them, or those who have retired and have reached an age where they are considered washed up as athletes.

The case of Franklin, followed by the death of another Negro from Paterson, New Jersey, Thomas Schenck, 34, is ample proof of what is in store for boxing should commissions continue to permit such men to box professionally. The ban should be placed on all—and that includes those who have been honorably discharged by various branches of the service following a head injury, a spinal injury, or any major physical defect. If a man is unfit to serve because of such injury, he most assuredly is unfit to engage in the strenuous sport of professional boxing following his discharge.

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UNLIKE Franklin who passed away after a contest, Schenck collapsed after sparring with Leroy Tiger Smith in a gymnasium where he was preparing for a fight at the Queensboro Club with Louis Long of Chicago. The fact that Smith is only a mediocre middleweight and that these men were using 14 ounce gloves, shows how poorly conditioned Schenck was. Yet he had been signed and was tuning up for a fight in New York. Schenck had been a sparring partner for Tony Galento and Joe Louis and undoubtedly they took plenty out of him before he retired.

In California we now hear of Ceferino Garcia preparing for a comeback under the guidance of his old manager, George Parnassus. Garcia is well past his prime. He retired following the loss of a ten rounder to Jackie Wilson on February 24, 1942. That Garcia retains much of his hitting power if he can land, there is no doubt. He'll be able to take the measure of some of the youngsters striving for headline positions, but what he can do mingling with the top flight lads, is a horse of another color.

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LOU NOVA continues to fight around the fistic circuit, but what he has shown to date, is of such poor variety, that it would be far better for him to hang up his gloves again and call a halt to his comeback.

Then we have the sad case of Jimmy Carollo of Corona, L. I., engaging in a warmup bout at Galveston, Texas. He took on Jack Marshall, a boy who had been whipped in all of his five bouts this year, and Marshall won his first contest by knocking out Carollo in the second round. Carollo was recently discharged from the Marines because of a physical ailment and the promoters had been warned by his former trainer, Ray Arcel, that Jimmy no longer was fit to continue as a fighter. The fight with Marshall proved that and we hope that Jimmy will now see the light and remain retired. Of course this may not meet with the approval of Frank Pacassi, his new manager who also handles the affairs of Nova, but seldom does a manager agree with us on such points.

Our readers might be interested in learning that Marshall twice lost to Nova, once in ten and once in twelve rounds. Undoubtedly Marshall was a picked opponent, one whose style it was figured fitted in well with the Carollo comeback and would enable Carollo to repeat the Nova victories, but Marshall did Carollo a good turn, we hope, by proving to that honorably discharged Marine that it would be best for him to drop his comeback.

By degrees boxers of note are returning to the game through honorable discharges from various branches of the services, mostly for minor ailments, such as sinus trouble or a broken eardrum, and the fall and winter season should find many top-named fighters ready for action. There should be a big boom in the sport, particularly in the East where the cream of the talent is to be found. With Ray Robinson, Bobby Ruffin, Georgie Kochan, Johnny Greco, Maxie Shapiro among others back in the fold, there will be no need to take any chances on the "has-beens" who are flooding the market under false pretense.

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AS Willie Schulkin properly advances in his New York notes, it is ridiculous for a referee to stop a fight in which one of the contestants is on the canvas, unable to get to his feet, and to have such a contest go into the state commission's records as a "T.K.O."—Technical Knockout—whereas the victor should be credited with a knockout. The case of Aaron Perry is an example, though many more could be cited.

When Perry was floored several times by Jimmy McDaniels in the Garden, he took a severe shellacking. The last time he was dropped, he hit the canvas face down and was absolutely helpless. He could not have gotten to his feet within the stipulated ten seconds. Therefore when Referee Billy Cavanagh called a halt instead of counting Perry out, he deprived McDaniels of a clean-cut knockout, a gross injustice to the Pacific Coast fighter.

The boxing commissions should protect the fighter who scores a kayo by instructing the third man in the ring to count over the whipped boxer instead of stopping the fight under such circumstances. There can be no harm under such an arrangement. The referee is still the boss of the proceedings. He can halt the bout when the fighter gets to his feet if he is able to do so and the victim cannot be further hurt during the count since his opponent is resting in a neutral corner and cannot continue to fight until told to do so by the referee.

Thus a pugilist with lethal fists won't have his record marred by T.K.O.'s (something THE RING doesn't acknowledge as existing in boxing). Unfortunately most writers and commissions in most states do recognize a T.K.O. and that's where the hitch comes in. Let's do away with both the T.K.O. and the halting of bouts when a fighter is on the canvas, down and out. Let's give the victor full credit for a knockout by counting the victim out. That's the way it was done in the old days and should be continued by all commissions today. Under the rules of boxing as soon as a man cannot stand up against his opponent, he is knocked out. The meaning of a knockout, is knocked out of time, hence why a technical kayo?

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WILLIE PEP, as Bill Lee, Sports Editor of the Hartford *Courant* points out in a recent issue, has a unique record. He is the only fighter in many years who has been returned the winner of more than one fight, the unanimous choice of the officials with all rounds credited to him. When he won his 77th fight at Springfield, Mass., against Joey Peralta on August 28, the three ring officials gave him every round. Because of its historic value, an item for our future All-Time Ring Record Book, we quote a portion of Lee's article.

"When he won his 76th bout by beating Lulu Costantino at Waterbury on August 4, he won all ten rounds on the official

scorecard. I don't recall ever hearing of a fighter who outclassed his opponents as completely as has Willie, the feather king, in most of his fights. Winning every round from Willie Roache, Johnny Compo, Curley Nichols and Mexican Joe Silva were only starters, when Pep was climbing towards the top, but today, against the best men the field can offer, he continues to carry off the honors by a clean slate. Rated off the consensus of newspaper scoring, Pep has defeated five ranking opponents recently without the loss of a round—Julie Kogon, Willie Joyce, Manuel Ortiz, Costantino and Peralta."

A remarkable record—there can be no doubt about that. Pep, since starting his pro career, has accomplished feats no boxer in recent years has duplicated. He has had only one setback, that at the hands of Sammy Angott in 10 rounds on March 19, 1943. He will go down in the record books as one of the best featherweights developed in the last thirty years, and for that reason, I cannot understand the bickerings of his handlers when it comes to accepting a legitimate contender and challenger as an opponent.

Pep is good enough to whip any challenger and that includes the leading fighter in the division, other than Willie, Chalky Wright. A bout between these feathers is a natural. The aged though still most efficient Chalky has proved his right to a return title bout and in such a contest, Pep should win because of his youth, speed and boxing skill.

Willie has rolled up at this writing seventy-seven victories out of seventy-eight bouts, with a record of sixty-eight consecutive wins before he met his first and only setback. That's a mark to shoot at. He is a ring master who should be one of the five outstanding headliners in the coming post-war period.

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WE are happy to see that Pep has at last received his "rightful due" at the hands of the Connecticut Boxing Commission. For two years Willie has been the world champion in name in his home state, but now he receives the same recognition there as in New York and in The Ring.

Because of the affiliation with the National Boxing Association which refused to accept Pep as the champ Connecticut stuck by the parent organization and shunted aside Willie, its pride and joy, in favor of Sal Bartola who has already been whipped twice by the world titleholder. And all because of petty politics that should have been avoided for the good of boxing.

Commissioner Coskey took it on the chin for many months and then decided to protect the interests of Pep and his state by breaking with the N.B.A. because that organization, through its president, Abe Greene, couldn't see eye-to-eye with the majority of world boxing fans.

For some time Coskey had been trying to get Greene to clarify the featherweight situation and give the championship to the man who won it according to all recognized rules of boxing, but to no avail. Coskey became impatient. Pressure from Connecticut fans increased until he finally joined hands with New York in recognizing Pep as world champion and announced the break with the N.B.A. In doing so he also turned down a vice-presidency post in that organization. In his letter to Abe Greene, Coskey wrote:

"I think you will agree that I have been a martyr long enough for the Calluras, the Terranovas and the Bartolas of the N.B.A. There isn't a state or a commission in the country that would hold out as long as I have in the face of newspaper and public ridicule.

"The boxing game is none too healthy hereabouts, and if Willie Pep can be the salvation of what is left of the sport in Connecticut, I would be foolish to cut off my nose to spite my face. It would be different if Willie Pep were a questionable champion, but he has demonstrated his worth and his ability against the class of the country, as you well know.

"I appreciate the idealistic issue of protecting a champion while he is in the service, but there is no excuse for protecting Bartola, who asks for a five-weeks leave of absence from the Merchant Marine to get in shape for the defense of his N.B.A. title. This is only a stall, as I understand he is stationed on shore as an instructor and has been able to get time off anytime he wants, as witness his recent bout in Buffalo, where he drew something like $2400.

"I am sorry, Abe, if my action will cause embarrassment to you or the N.B.A., but things have reached the stage where there is no alternative for Connecticut. I am sure you would take the same action, if you were in my place."

Connecticut has been a member of the N.B.A. since its inception and the state's boxing commissioner, the late Tom Donohue, was a president of the association.

The case of Pep is similar to that of many other legitimate champions whose recognition by the N.B.A. was turned down, but who, despite such ruling, were universally acclaimed as the top men. Despite numerical superiority in the matter of membership, the champions of the N.B.A. have never been accepted by the greater portion of the boxing public. The champions listed in The Ring are the ones who obtain universal support and so far as the featherweight class is concerned, the man deserving such support is Pep. He won the crown by right of succession and not through the gift of any organization.

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ALABAMA KID continues one of the best drawing cards in Australia. The American Negro who has been living Down Under for many years now, and may make Australia his home after the war, gave away 98 pounds to Les McNabb in their third bout of the year at Adelaide and came through with a knockout in eight rounds. In their first encounter, the American fouled out in the third round but in their return engagement, the Kid stopped his man in the fourth. The rubber bout went twice as long. In each affair Alabama Kid spotted his man ninety pounds or more.

If Alabama Kid were in the States, he would be a headliner. Good men in his division are sadly missing in this country. But it is doubted if the Kid could earn more here than he has been in his temporarily adopted country.

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THE exploits of men of the boxing profession in this war make me feel proud of the fact that I am associated with the sport. For every scoundrel who throws a monkey wrench into boxing, there are ten lads who are upholding the good name of pugilism in the armed forces. The list of dead, wounded and missing in action is rapidly mounting and scarcely a day goes by but that the name of some outstanding amateur or professional in some locality, is not recorded. Meritorious action on the field of battle has earned many commendations for boxers in the service. As of this writing twenty-seven boxers have been killed, 73 have been wounded and eleven are missing or prisoners. No other sport, not even football, can boast of such a splendid war record as can boxing.

A few days ago a dispatch came over from France telling of the heroism of Marcel Thil, former world middleweight champion who was defeated by Fred Apostoli in Mike Jacobs' Carnival of Champions a few years ago. It told how for three years Thil was leader of the French resistance force in his locality and how the Germans, suspecting him were ever on his trail yet never could they pin anything on him. A few days before the French and Americans drove the hated German army from France, Thil was beaten by eighteen of Hitler's Storm Troopers because he would not divulge his associates; nor admit that he knew anything about the Resistance Party.

When the call for revolt was issued by General Eisenhower to the French, Thil showed his hand by leading his men. By his actions he gained the admiration of the French who have always held him in high esteem. His is just one more example of many brave performances by men associated with boxing.

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FIGHTERS who have suffered brain concussions have been banned from competition in Illinois by the State Athletic Commission. The commission also set a six-week limit on the reappearance in the ring of any fighter knocked out by a blow on the head. This is one way of handling a precarious problem. At least it will enable the commission to note the effects of the injury on the fighter.

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# TABOR ACCOMPANIES CONN

## *"King Tut" of California, One of the Best Fighters in the Eighth Air Force, Is Honored in England—Lucignano, Hoboken Boxer, Winner of Five Titles Overseas*

AN Eighth Air Force Service Command Station, England—Selected recently to accompany Corporal Billy Conn on a tour of army installations in England was Private First Class "King Tut" Tabor, a native of Oroville, California, who has won 25 straight victories in the middleweight division among service boxers in the European Theater of Operations and lost only one contest. A protege of Captain Steve Hamas, the former heavyweight contender, he holds the middleweight title of both the Eighth and Ninth Air Forces. Previously he had appeared on several exhibition cards in Britain with Staff Sergeant Joe Louis, when the heavyweight champion appeared at a number of camps and bases in exhibition events.

Hard-hitting and fast-moving, "King Tut" is viewed by Captain Hamas as a strong contender for the world's middleweight title, following the war. He first began boxing while at Oroville High School, and continued to appear in boxing shows in the Oakland vicinity until he entered the service in 1942.

After arriving overseas in late 1943, "King Tut" served as a teletype operator with a signal corps unit, until transferred to the Special Service section of his base, a repair depot for Eighth Air Force fighter craft, where he helps supervise recreational activities.

Modest, personable and unassuming, "King Tut" has two interests which surpass boxing—his wife and baby son, "Tommy Tut, Jr.," who live in Oroville. Before entering the service he was employed at the shipyards in Oakland.

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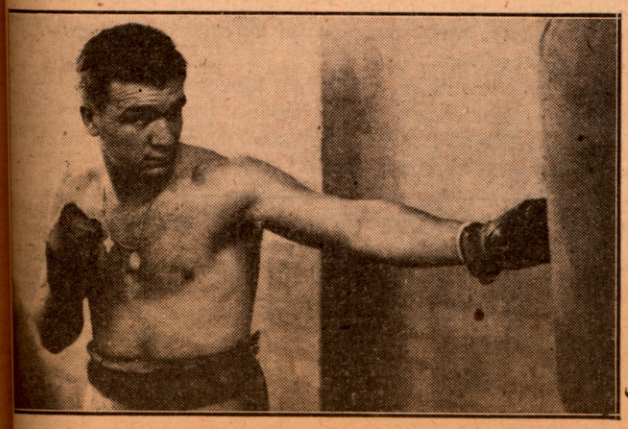
THE Eighth Air Force has another splendid fighter in Private First Class Joseph C. Lucignano, who has won five boxing titles in U. S. Army bouts in England. Lucignano is a 21-year-old former Hoboken amateur who once fought at the Grotto in Jersey City and at Columbia Park in Union City. In acquiring his fifth title recently, Lucignano met a Jerseyite named Quinn with whom he had taken basic training in the Army and with whom he had fought twice at Atlantic City, drawing one and losing the other on a technical knockout because of a cut over his eye. This time Lucignano won a unanimous decision.

"I'm a little better fighter now than I was then," is Joe's opinion. "And Army chow has made me a welter."



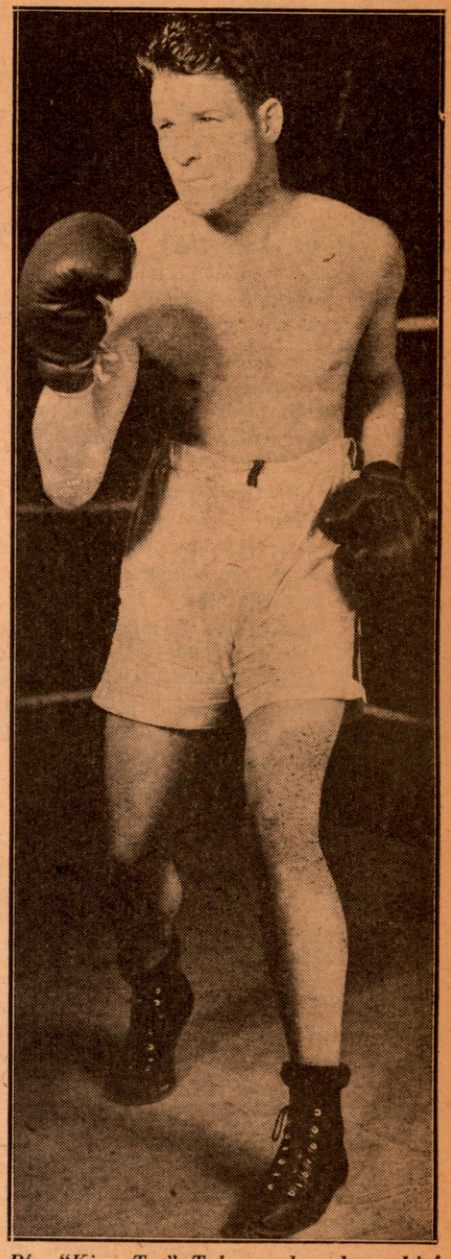
*Measuring the heavy bag with his left is Pfc. Joseph C. Lucignano, 21, of Hoboken, who trains B17 Flying Fortress airmen at an Eighth AAF base in England. He has won five welterweight titles since arriving overseas. He is shown working out in the improvised gymnasium where the flyers and mechanics come to spar, play basketball and take exercises.*

Before entering the AAF in March, last year, Lucignano won the 1942 New Jersey Golden Gloves Open Class lightweight crown and went to the finals at Madison Square Garden representing All-Eastern States.

Now stationed at an Eighth AAF B17 Flying Fortress base, Joe's knowledge of the ring is being utilized by the special services section in keeping aerial gunners and pilots and bombardiers fit.

"I show them exercises," explained Joe, "and show them the best way to work out. Most of the boys want to learn."

In winning his five titles, Joe has fought 10 bouts, including two exhibitions. His only defeat was in an exhibition. In tournament fighting he is generally recognized as the toughest welterweight in the ETO. He had been overseas only two weeks when he entered his division's eliminations and won by decisions.



*Pfc. "King Tut" Tabor, selected as chief sparring mate for Billy Conn on latter's tour of British camps.*

Subsequently he went to the Eighth AAF finals and there won in the first round by a 50-second knockout and received his medal from Lieutenant General James H. Doolittle. The United States Strategic Army Air Force tournament was next and he copped that crown with three decisions in three nights at the Army ring in London.

Lucignano was then chosen to represent the United States in a team match with RAF fighters. The Americans swept all 12 bouts with Joe winning the most decisive victory of the evening. He kayoed his opponent with his very first punch and knocked him through the ropes. The English boy injured his back and was taken to the hospital. Lucignano's ambition is to be a professional fighter when the war is over. He will be a drawing card for boxing.

# Beauhuld, Marine Idol

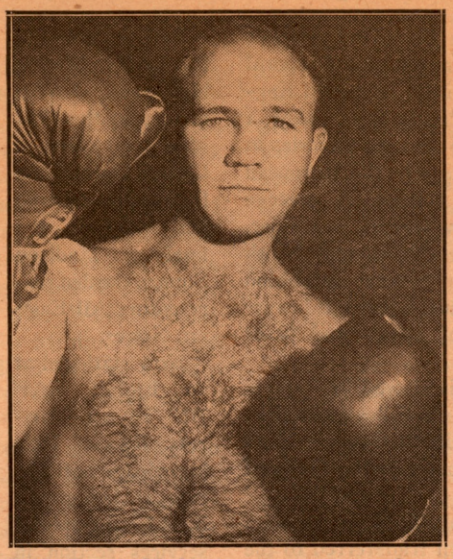
## *Former St. Louis Lightweight, Injured in Guadalcanal After Killing Nine of Hirohito's Clan, Now Aids in Boxing at Camp Pendleton*

ON November 19, 1937, long before we went to war, 18,000 fans sat in New York's Madison Square Garden and saw "A Marine in the Making." This crowd plunked down $54,000 through the ticket windows for the privilege of watching a young man of 21, known as Billy Beauhuld, engage in a boxing match with a Negro sensation named Henry Armstrong.

Now Marine Private First Class William W. Beauhuld, USMC (366562), looks back to that memorable date with great pride for he managed to remain five rounds with Armstrong before the match was halted and awarded to Armstrong on a technical knockout when Beauhuld suffered a cut eye.

This was at the time Armstrong, known as Perpetual Motion, was flattening foe after foe in a round or two on his climb to the highest perch in boxing by holding three titles at one time.

Private First Class Beauhuld, born October 31, 1916, is the son of William Beauhuld, a hoisting engineer, of St. Louis, Mo. Private First Class Beauhuld learned to use his fists at an early age as he was raised in the "Kerry Patch" district in North St. Louis, and the "Kerry Patch" lads would pass up their meals to get into a good fight.



*Billy Beauhuld, boxing instructor at Camp Pendleton.*

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AFTER leaving Central High School in St. Louis where he played baseball and football and trimmed all the available boxers in town, Private First Class Beauhuld decided to take a fling at some real competition and entered the National Amateur Athletic Union boxing championship tournament held in the St. Louis Arena in 1935. This ring tourney produced many outstanding fighters. Lou Nova won the heavyweight amateur title and Fred Apostoli captured the middleweight crown.

Both of these men went on to make names for themselves in professional boxing circles, but the fans weren't interested in Nova, Apostoli or anyone else and the only one they had eyes on, was their own pride and joy—Billy Beauhuld. When the officials handed Billy his belt for winning the lightweight championship, the Arena rocked with cheers for Beauhuld was the first boxer in history to give St. Louis a National titleholder.

Private First Class Beauhuld turned professional a short time later and continued his brilliant fighting form, disposing of every opponent St. Louis boxing promoters could bring into the ring with him.

Deciding to conquer new fields, Private First Class Beauhuld pulled up his stakes and headed East, with Jersey City, N. J., his stopping point. The bouts came fast and the money began rolling in. He scored victories over Enrico Venturi, Wesley Ramey and whipped Freddie (Red) Cochrane, present champ now in the service, while registering forty-four consecutive triumphs as a fight-for-pay lightweight.

The big day finally arrived when Private First Class Beauhuld signed the contract to appear in Madison Square Garden against Armstrong. Beauhuld showed he had what it takes to make a fighter that November night in 1937.

He withstood Armstrong's dynamite punches and came fighting back for more. The injured eye, however, prompted the referee to call a halt to proceedings and the bout went down in the record books as a fifth round TKO against the Marine. The spectators were convinced they had witnessed a courageous youth in action. They had just previewed "A Marine in the Making."

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BILLY BEAUHULD tied the strings of his boxing gloves together, hung them on a hook and headed for the Marine Corps Recruiting Office to sign for his biggest bout on April 24, 1942.

Newspaper cameramen were at St. Louis' Union Station the day he hopped the train for San Diego, Calif., and "boot" camp. He waved goodbye to his friends and promised to be back.

Beauhuld kept that promise. He came back home in April, 1943. He was limping slightly and had a finger in a splint, the result of stopping some Japanese bullets, one through the knee and another nicking the finger, while serving with the Marines at Guadalcanal from October, 1942, until February, 1943.

Those Japanese paid for the wounds inflicted and paid with their lives. Beauhuld is credited with ending warring ways of nine of Hirohito's clan while overseas.

Beauhuld's brother, Army Private Elbridge Beauhuld, was well on his way to fistic success when he entered the service. He is overseas at present.

Beauhuld is still around boxing gloves or rather gloves in a box as he hands them out to Marines boxing for recreation in Camp Pendleton's Athletic Storeroom, where Billy is on duty. He also helps in boxing instruction.

## KID RILEY, DECORATED, PRAISES BOXING FOR AIR MEN

WIDELY known a few years ago in Virginia fight circles as "Kid Riley," Staff Sergeant James C. Riley, 24, top turret gunner on a B-24 Liberator bomber, opines that boxing should be added to the schedule of every Eighth Air Force flier preparing for aerial combat.

Sgt. Riley, member of the Eighth Air Force squadron Somewhere in England, who has flown a number of heavy bombardment missions over enemy occupied Europe without, he says, "getting really scared," doubts if he could have made it without the long years of previous experience in boxing.

A member of the 3rd Bombardment Division, cited by the President for its now historic England-Africa shuttle bombing of Messerschmitt aircraft plants at Regensburg, Germany, last summer, Sgt. Riley has been awarded the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters for "meritorious achievement . . . coolness, courage and skill" during bombing attacks on Nazi war-making installations, knocking out German resistance and helping to insure our victory.

"When I crawled between the ropes back home in Danville, Va., or in nearby Washington," remarked Sgt. Riley, "I knew I was on my own, that I had to produce or get my brains batted out. Over here it's much the same way. I have to get in my part of the licks or my plane goes down."

The AAF gunner continued, "There's no way to separate sports from combat flying. When I was growing up in Virginia, I never was completely happy unless boxing or playing football. In the service I'm happiest when flying. Boxing and aerial gunnery are two grand games."

# Stories About Marines

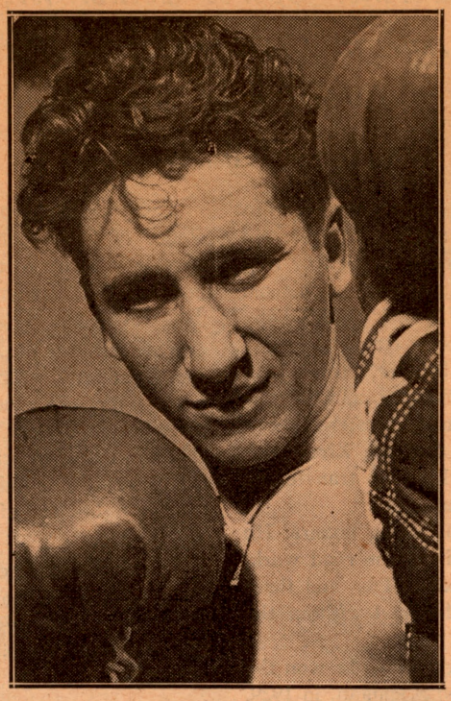
*Written for* THE RING *by Combat Correspondents of the U.S.M.C.*

A VETERAN of the campaign for control of Eniwetok Atoll in the Marshall Islands, Marine Private First Class Samuel J. DePaul, Jr., 22, of Chester, Pa., describes the fighting there as "a slugging match" during the time the Japs held out against Marine assault forces.

"It was rugged business for a while," he said. "The Japs put up a tough fight while they lasted, and we had to put the majority of them down for the all-time count.

"After organized resistance by the Japs had ceased, we mopped up the stray Japs hiding out in the most unusual places imaginable on Eniwetok. Many of them were burrowed in the ground like moles and rats. In some instances they had to be handled with flame-throwers. There is not much Jap left after a flame-thrower sprays him."

Enlisting in September, 1942, Private First Class DePaul was overseas about 18 months. An amateur boxer, he was lightweight champion of his regiment. He is doing some boxing here now. Returned some time ago because of a tropical ailment, he is now stationed at the newly established Marine rehabilitation center in Oregon pending his return to active duty somewhere.



*Overseas more than 18 months, participant in the seizure of Eniwetok, Marshall Islands, Marine Pfc. Samuel J. DePaul, Jr., is resting at the Marine Barracks in Oregon, pending return to action.*

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FROM Sergeant Herb Shultz, a Marine Corps Combat Correspondent, formerly of the Albany Bureau of the Associated Press, comes the following:

A broad-shouldered Marine named Gibbons—the product of old fighting stock—was in the thick of the battle of Saipan in the Marianas Islands. He is Private First Class James P. Gibbons of St. Paul, Minn., the 23-year-old son of boxer Mike Gibbons, claimant for the world's middleweight championship, 1911-1913.

His uncle, Tom Gibbons, now sheriff of Ramsey County, Minn., fought Jack Dempsey for the heavyweight title at Shelby, Mont., July 4, 1923, losing a 15-round decision.

Private First Class Gibbons, a veteran of Tarawa, landed with Second Marine Division assault troops the morning of Saipan's D-Day. A communications worker, he saw action on or near the front lines throughout the 25-day engagement. He carries in his pocket a souvenir of one of his narrowest escapes of the battle—a jagged piece of shrapnel which skimmed his shoulders during the heavy shelling of the first morning. The fragment did not touch his skin.

Another close call came during his outfit's final push, two days before the island was secured. Stringing wire to a forward observation post, Gibbons was pinned down by heavy Jap knee mortar and machine gun fire, but escaped without being hit.

He comes from a family of fighting Marines, with two brothers now serving overseas in the Pacific. They are Private First Class Gene Gibbons, 21, and Private First Class David Gibbons, 19, who saw action at Bougainville and the Marshalls respectively.

Another brother, Army Corporal Robert Gibbons, 32, is stationed at Camp Lee, Va. All have their home residence with their father at 1193 Como Avenue.

Their father and uncle taught bayonet tactics and toured Army camps putting on boxing exhibitions during the last war.

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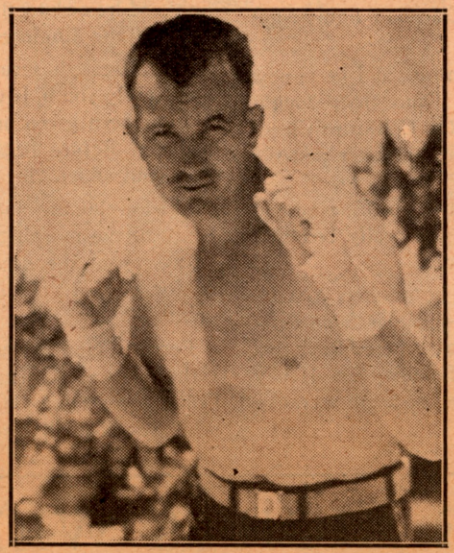
MARINE Private First Class Stanley A. Pyontek, former Trenton, N. J., boxer, is still scoring victories in the ring, writes Sgt. Earl Gordon Water, Marine Corps Correspondent. Holder of an amazing record of 70 victories and two draws in 78 ring battles while a civilian, Pyontek, a heavyweight, who is 35 years old, is passing along his knowledge of the art of self-defense to his buddies now stationed at a rest camp somewhere in the Marshalls. He serves as a boxing instructor there. His primary job in the Marines is as an anti-aircraft gunner.

Private First Class Pyontek, whose wife lives in Trenton, N. J., continues to pound out convincing wins over his younger opponents. At 178 pounds, Pyontek has fought 10 bouts as a heavyweight since joining the Marines, losing one back at the Camp Lejeune, N. C., training center. In the field he has fought four bouts, winning all with ease. He's a fine prospect.

At one time he held the New Jersey middleweight amateur championship and captured the coveted Newark *Star-Eagle* Diamond Buckle.



*Pfc. Stanley A. Pyontek, U.S.M.C., of Trenton, N. J., found that there are other ways to serve in the Marine Corps besides battling Japs. A former boxer in civilian life, Pfc. Pyontek now trains aspiring youngsters in the gentlemanly art and participates in occasional heavyweight bouts himself.*

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BATTLING Marines combined their ring talents at Camp Matthews in California recently to turn back the two highly regarded Army scrappers from Fort Rosecrans, Calif., in a pair of bouts which highlighted an exhibition card staged at this Marine Corps rifle range.

Private First Class Edward M. Kamanski, of Chicago, one-time national CYO, Golden Gloves and AAU heavyweight champion, took two out of three rounds from "Red" Cail, 178-pounder, who is generally recognized as California's heavyweight champion. Private First Class Kamanski, 26, a 185-pound drill instructor, is the husband of Mrs. Harriett Kamanski.

In the other feature bout Private King P. Mike, 130-pound Marine recruit from Tuba City, Ariz., outpointed 128-pound Ray Magana, also of Fort Rosecrans, who is the ranking army featherweight of the area. Private Mike is 25.

# PRAISE *for* PVT. REYNOLDS

## *Sgt. Henry McLemore, Former Sports Columnist, Says Reynolds Has Best Left of Any Amateur in the Services—News From Americal Infantry Division in Southwest Pacific*

(By Special Correspondence)

WITH the Americal Infantry Division Somewhere in the Southwest Pacific—Joey Speigal, 35-year-old veteran of 300 fights in ten years in the boxing ring as an amateur and professional, is back at his old trade with the twice battle-tested Americal Division at this base. Joe is training aspirants for the division's boxing team.

Private Speigal made his home with his brother, Herman, in Uniontown, Penna. Joey is well-known in Pittsburgh, where he trained at the Lyceum Club, nursery of many western Pennsylvania boxers among them Conn, Soose, and the Zivics.

Joey has been overseas for 16 months, and has been transferred to the Americal from a combat engineer battalion.

Joey is all set now to do a lot of good for young boxers. He spends six days a week sparring and supervising the road work, punching bag and exercises of nearly 50 boxers. Two and three nights a week he referees boxing cards within and without the division.

Joey first got into the squared circle limelight when he won the Junior National A.A.U. title at Grand Rapids, Michigan, in 1929. In 1930 he won the Pittsburgh Golden Gloves crown as a lightweight and soon after turned professional.

He won his final amateur match in Pittsburgh against Teddy Yarosz, who later became world middleweight champ. Under the managership of cagey Frank Klaus of Pittsburgh, Speigal fought in the Smoky City many times. One of them was a scrap with Solly Krieger when the Brooklyn man was middleweight title holder. During his pro career, Joey toured the States, fought in Mexico, Canada, Cuba and the British West Indies.

Soldier Speigal gave up fighting in 1939 to work with his younger brother, Tommy, who had paralysis of the right knee. He took Tommy to Miami and built him up so that in his short career he whipped Sammy Angott twice in Pittsburgh, took Bob Montgomery over the hurdles once, and drew and lost to Beau Jack. Tommy twice beat Dave Castilloux, Canadian lightweight crown bearer.

Young Tommy Speigal's knee went back on him and he is now in the Sunny Acres Sanitarium, Cleveland, Ohio. Joey fought Paul Perrone, Joe Glick, Andy DiVodi, and Ray Collins in Cleveland, which Joey calls his second home because a sister and the apple of his eye, Tommy, live there.

Joey is keeping a financial eye out for talent down this way and has spotted a couple of Fijian fighters who can really box and would make great drawing cards in the States.

Among the ring hopefuls in the Americal, he predicts a sparkling future for Pvt. Bernard Reynolds, a 165-pounder from Bellingham, Washington, winner of his three starts here. Reynolds packs a powerful left which former sports columnist, Sgt. Henry McLemore, says is the best left he has yet seen in amateur ranks in the Services.

And Joey is sharpening up the skill of Pvt. Bill "Billy the Kid" Fodor of Clifton, N. J., who at 21 has the ambition and the necessary desire to make the big time. He tips the scales at 210 and has won Golden Gloves and Diamond Gloves titles in New Jersey.

Nineteen-year-old Cpl. Paul Perrotti of Cleveland, Ohio, the best light-heavyweight boxer with the Americal (c.sp.) Division, never pulled on a boxing glove before he got in the Army, but after he "out-fought" a soldier while on a pass, the post authorities told him that if he wanted to fight his fellow men, he could put on the gloves. So he did. The sturdy 177-pounder since then has won his five fights, one of them via the knockout route, at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.

At this South Pacific base, Perrotti packs a hard punch, especially with his left and he is being coached to straighten out his right hook. He's aggressive and wades right in, swinging when his adversary starts throwing leather, taking advantage of the openings.

The Clevelander has caught the eye and the fancy of Joey Speigal, who is a veteran of 300 fights in amateur and professional rings and is a full time boxing instructor with the Americal (c.sp.). Speigal says that Perrotti's age is in his favor for a promising post-war career and that he has voluntarily stuck to a rigid training program, a quality very important to young boxers.

In the Fiji Islands, Perrotti was decisioned by a Negro who held the Island championship. Perrotti was under-trained then, but put up a very game fight under the circumstances.

In his two fights at his present base, Perrotti scored impressive triumphs over worthy opponents. His reputation as a boxer has spread over the Island and it is hard to find an opponent for Perrotti. His last match was the result of a plea begging for a fight, addressed to the division special service office in a special issue of the Engineer's periodical.

The Buckeye scrapper, who admits of some street fighting in his early youth, is with the Americal (c.sp.) Combat Engineers. He has been given permission to spend all the time he needs on training. Before breakfast he does two miles of road work in soft sand which "legs him up" as it does for race horses.

Shadow boxing and the usual training takes place in the cool hours of the morning. In the afternoons he goes for long walks or swims in the ocean. His boxing training keeps him doubly fit for combat. He has been with the Americal (c.sp.) for 9 months.

Perrotti is a younger brother of Mike Perrotti who played right tackle for Ohio State, Class of '43, and played football with Collinwood, Ohio, High School. Mike was with the Ohio all-scholastic football club which beat a Florida team at Tampa.

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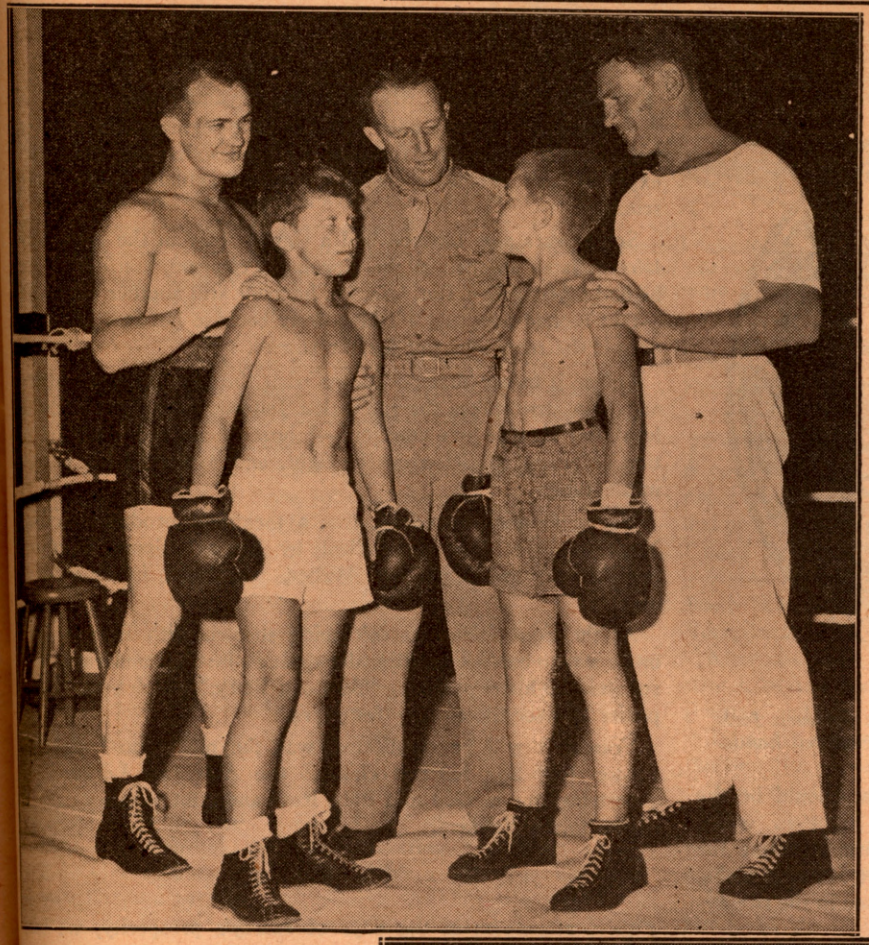
# AND THE LIGHTS WENT OUT

IT was on August 16, 1885, that Billy Madden, famed as manager of John L. Sullivan and other notable fighters, opened a saloon on the Bowery near Hester Street in New York City. The place was the headquarters of the sporting elite, as well as the rough-and-tumble element that frequented the sports houses of that vicinity.

One evening, when Sullivan was the guest of Madden, Fiddler Neary, a New York battler, entered and immediately picked a quarrel with a stranger. Both Madden and Sullivan interfered, and Neary walked over to the bar where there stood half a dozen glasses of beer, and with one swoop he hurled the lot in the direction of Madden.

A clout on the chin by John L. put Neary out, after which he was sent to the hospital for one month.

# With Our Service Men



*WITH THE AMERICAL (cq) INFANTRY DIVISION SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC—Photo shows the boxing team and handlers from an infantry regiment in this famed division which has fought the Japs at Guadalcanal and Bougainville. Front row, left to right, are Pfc. Antone A. Gomes, New Bedford, Mass., trainer; Pfc. Jimmy Rodriquez, Tampa, Fla.; Pvt. Frank K. Bowlin, Fresno, Calif.; Pfc. Roger Pattenaude, Ecorse, Mich., and Pvt. Joe M. Avila, Eureka, Calif. Center, left to right: Pfc. Diego Castillo, Los Angeles, trainer; Pfc. Lawrence Amaya, Montebello, Calif.; Pfc. Reinoldo Lara, Bronx, N. Y.; Pfc. Sam Nahama, Bronx, N. Y.; Technician Fifth Grade Amilcare Bindi, Bloomfield, N. J.; Pvt. Joseph A. Gallien, Portland, Me.; Pvt. Bernie Gershon, Los Angeles, and Capt. Salvatore A. Vinciullo, Waltham, Mass., manager. Back row, left to right, are Pfc. Anderson Kinney, Phoenix City, Ala.; Pvt. George Yates, Canonsburg, Pa.; Sgt. Frank Mulloy, North Weymouth, Mass.; Cpl. Robert L. Cantwell, Los Angeles; Pvt. William C. Hurst, Philadelphia, Pa.; Pvt. Robert Sluyter, South Orange, N. J., and Pvt. Gene A. Brooks, Burbank, Calif.*

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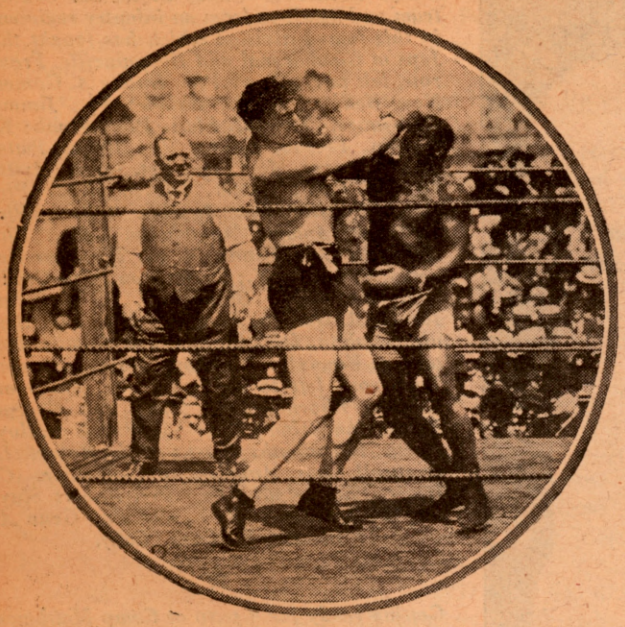
*Getting ready for a setto at Camp Matthews, in California, where many thrilling bouts have been staged for the entertainment of men of the service. Here we have Pvt. King P. Mike, a Marine recruit from Tuba City, Arizona, and Ray Magana of Fort Rosecrans, Calif., an Army base, listening to their instructions before their bout. Pvt. Mike outpointed the 128-pound ranking Army featherweight of their area. Mike is 25 years old and looms as a bright fistic prospect.*

*HORALE BUILDING—IN AND OUT OF THE ARMY—Juvenile ars get pre-fight advice from some ormer champions in a special box- ng exhibition held at Randolph ield, Texas. The young battlers, ft to right, are Al Schuette, 80 ounds, and Bruce Coleman, 83 ounds. Seconds are Pvt. Fritzie ivic, left, former king of the wel- rweights, and Lt. Bob Pastor, ight, former holder of the Na- onal Golden Gloves Heavyweight rown and one of the few men to n the route against Champion Joe ouis. Referee is Colonel Walter C. hite, Commanding Officer of the AF Training Command post, and mself a former All-American otball star and track athlete at West Point.*

# CAMERA SHOT IMPUGNS WILLARD'S CONQUEST

*Picture of Johnson on Floor of Havana Ring, Shading Eyes and Keeping Thighs Off Hot Canvas, Cited to Disparage Jess's Honest 26-Round Triumph*

*By* DANIEL M. DANIEL



***A scene in the twenty-fifth round of the fight between Jack Johnson and Jess Willard in which the title changed hands.***

THE Battle of the Camera Shot! That should be the designation, in ring history, of the fight in which Jess Willard, from Pottawatomie, Kansas, became the heavyweight champion of the world at Havana, Cuba, on Monday, April 5, 1915, by stopping Jack Johnson in the twenty-sixth round.

Let it be noted that no contest for the title since has approached the Cuban struggle with its 76 minutes, 26 seconds of actual combat, for duration. It was the longest heavyweight championship fight since John L. Sullivan disposed of Jake Kilrain in 75 rounds at Richburg, Miss., on July 8, 1889, the longest scrap between title heavies in the glove era, the only scheduled 45-round struggle for the championship since the days of bare knuckles.

In no contest in the history of boxing has a picture played so vital a part.

You will find that photograph reproduced on page 17. Study it carefully. You will locate two points which have been cited to cast suspicion on the authenticity of Willard's victory, two circumstances which have been employed by hundreds of ring critics to back up their contention that Jack Johnson faked that engagement, took a dive.

Point One: Johnson is shading his eyes from the terrific glare of the Antillean sun.

Point Two: Johnson's thighs are raised off the sunbaked canvas.

Those who insist that Johnson threw the fight say that no man lying unconscious would have been able to shade his eyes, or lift his legs off the oven-like floor.

HOWEVER, those who have been yammering "Fake" all through the years have failed to take cognizance of the very important fact that a fighter may be all out, exhausted, completely expended and unable to continue, without actually being unconscious.

Some years ago Johnson had a signed story in the New York *World,* later another in the *Evening Telegram,* confessing that he had taken a dive. But, later on, he made still another confession —that he had admitted a fake merely because he was broke, and needed the money he got for the stories.

Suffice it to say that no matter what the truth of the matter—and THE RING takes the stand that Johnson actually, and on the level, lost his title by a knockout—Johnson's confession and retraction cast new suspicion on the fight, and weakened his position incalculably.

Harry Frazee, now dead, was a theatrical producer in New York in 1914. He was backed by his pal Sport Hermann, of Chicago, and Lawrence Weber, both also in show business.

At the time, things weren't going so well with Frazee. Later on he was to become a millionaire through just one musical comedy success, the history-making "So Long Letty," which sent 40 companies all over the country for years.

Frazee, it will be recollected, was the man who bought the Boston Red Sox baseball club of the American League on a shoestring, and in 1920 sold Babe Ruth and a lot of other diamond heroes to the Yankees.

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ONE afternoon, in the days of Harry's prosperity, we were sitting around in his office reminiscing about his various enterprises. He had sold the ball club. He had become an important magnate of the stage.

I asked him for the truth about the Willard-Johnson fight, for the lowdown on the reports that Johnson had been promised a definite bonus if he would quit, and that his wife left her seat at the start of the twenty-sixth round to collect the bonus.

The dope was that if Johnson saw Mrs. Jack wave her handkerchief, he was to know that the money had been paid over as had been agreed for a twenty-sixth round dive, and the time had come to let Jess have a title which Jack could make little out of because he was barred out of the United States.

"I give you my word, that stuff about a fake is bunk, pure bunk," Frazee insisted.

"Willard did not need the help of an agreement that afternoon. True, he was 31 years old, beyond the age at which champions usually acquire a heavyweight title. But Jess was in perfect shape for the first, and the only time, of his life. He was hard, tough, well prepared for a battle.

"Johnson was in no shape to fight anybody, let alone last twenty-six rounds under a blazing April sun in Cuba. Jack was 37 years

of age, he had lived a soft life, had not taken care of himself.

"Why, the way Johnson trained for the Willard affair was fantastic. We didn't think Willard was any Jeffries or Corbett but when we saw how Jack was going about things, we were sure he could not win.

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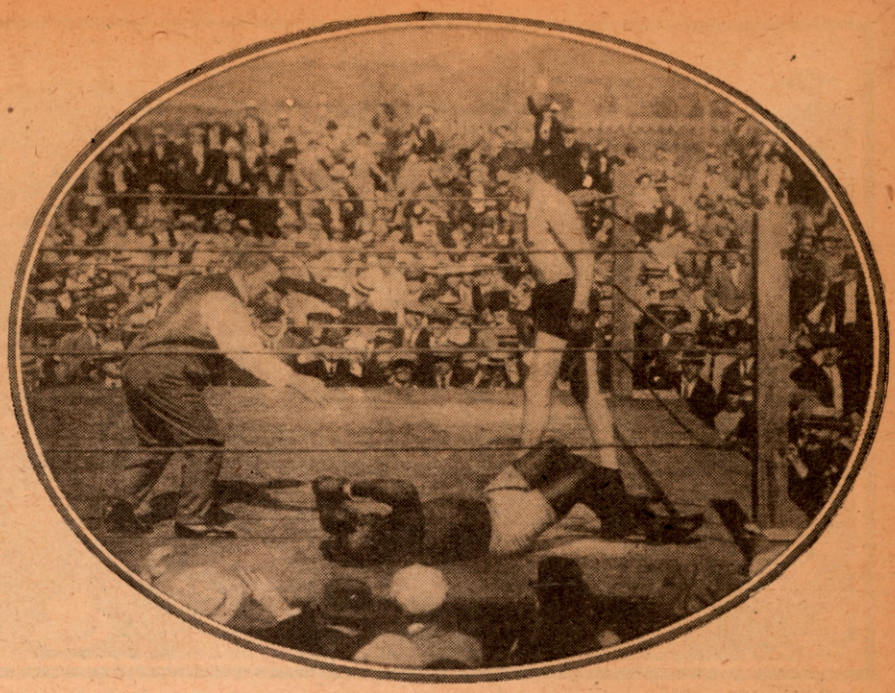
"JOHNSON, as you know, is a big eater," Frazee continued, "and proud of his abilities as a cook. He can dish up the finest fried chicken and biscuits you ever ate in your life. He would cook and bake, then, when he should have been boxing, or doing some road work, he would load up a basket with eats and go out fishing.

"All this while big Willard was training hard, working conscientiously. Jess realized that he faced the biggest chance of his life. He heard how Johnson was training, and he decided that he would have the edge in condition.

"Willard had lost that psychology by the time he climbed through the ropes against Jack Dempsey in Toledo four years later. For the Dempsey fight, Willard refused to do any road work. Dempsey was as hard as concrete.



*The much-discussed "shading of the eyes" scene in the Havana fight. This camera shot is what caused the report to be spread that the fight was not on the level. But those who saw the contest were convinced that Jess won by a legitimate knockout.*

"No, Johnson did not throw that fight, and Willard did not need any help. Jack just went about as far as he could on his gameness and experience—and his fried chicken and biscuits. He fought well up to the time when he became exhausted."

Frazee loved to eat and drink. He smiled, smacked his lips. "I could go for a load of those Johnson specials right now."

There is your story of the fight from the man who was Jack Curley's backer and partner in the Battle of the Camera Shot. If failure to train, if being in bad shape, is tantamount to faking, Johnson stands indicted with some ring experts.

Yet, he DID last into the twenty-sixth round, and he DID put up a fight for one hour, 16 minutes and 26 seconds, under a terrific sun, in blazing weather—a fight worthy of a champion.

If he had decided to take a dive, would it have been necessary to drag it out so long, even for the pictures?

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I DOUBT very much if, in all the long history of the heavyweight championship, the personal, intimate situation of the champion ever had so much to do with a battle as did Jack Johnson's troubles in 1915.

Jack Dempsey was out of condition mentally, a harried and harassed man, threatened by process servers, the night he made that wretched showing against Gene Tunney in Philadelphia, and lost the championship.

But Jack Johnson, the day he encountered Willard, was a man temporarily without a country.

Johnson's troubles organized themselves after he had knocked out Jim Jeffries—or rather what was left of the old Boilermaker—in Reno on July 4, 1910, in the fifteenth round. This triumph made Johnson the champion of the world. Some folks did not like the idea of a Negro on top.

Johnson enjoyed a triumphal march from Reno to Chicago, from Chicago to New York. Things were moving fast for the one-time Galveston dock roustabout. Maybe too fast.

For two years Johnson took it easy. He should have cashed in at once on his victory. But after the Jeffries affair he did not again enter a ring until July 4, 1912, at Las Vegas, New Mexico, where he stopped Jim Flynn, the Pueblo Fireman, in an engagement which, by Jack's courtesy, lasted into the ninth round.

Johnson was destined to have another two year layoff. During that period—the interim between the Flynn fight and his Paris victory over Frank Moran in a 20-rounder on June 27, 1914—Johnson ran afoul of the well-known Mann Act in the United States.

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IF Johnson, a Negro, had not had what some folks called the temerity to win the championship, it is quite conceivable he never would have been bothered. But, bothered he was—prosecuted and persecuted, chased from pillar to post, afraid to remain in the United States. Then, a Federal indictment.

He went abroad and pined. Jack wanted to be back on the South Side in Chicago, back in Baron Wilkins's place in New York, back among his people. But the law was on the alert.

After the engagement with Moran, Johnson had what, by a stretch of imagination, was called a fight with one Sproul, a Russian, and that was ended in the second round, an utter fiasco.

Then, on December 10, 1914, he fought a draw with tough Battling Jim Johnson, a Negro, in ten rounds in Paris.

"I am finished with the United States and will become a French citizen," Johnson announced. He had wasted half a million on wine, women and song. But he regretted nothing, and resented the American effort to tell him how to live his life.

Inside of him, Johnson was dying for the good old U.S.A. He loved the country in which he was born but resented the persecution to which he was subjected.

Johnson tried to compete in London, but the authorities ruled that he could not fight in England. However, Jack did appear—in a stage production called "Seconds Out."

Now came Jack Curley into the picture. He had promoted the Johnson-Flynn fight at Las Vegas. Jack went to Paris and suggested to Johnson that he meet Jess Willard in Mexico City.

Curley came just in time to stop the champion from signing with an Argentinian syndicate for fights in Buenos Aires. Now Jack planned to become a citizen of that South American locale.

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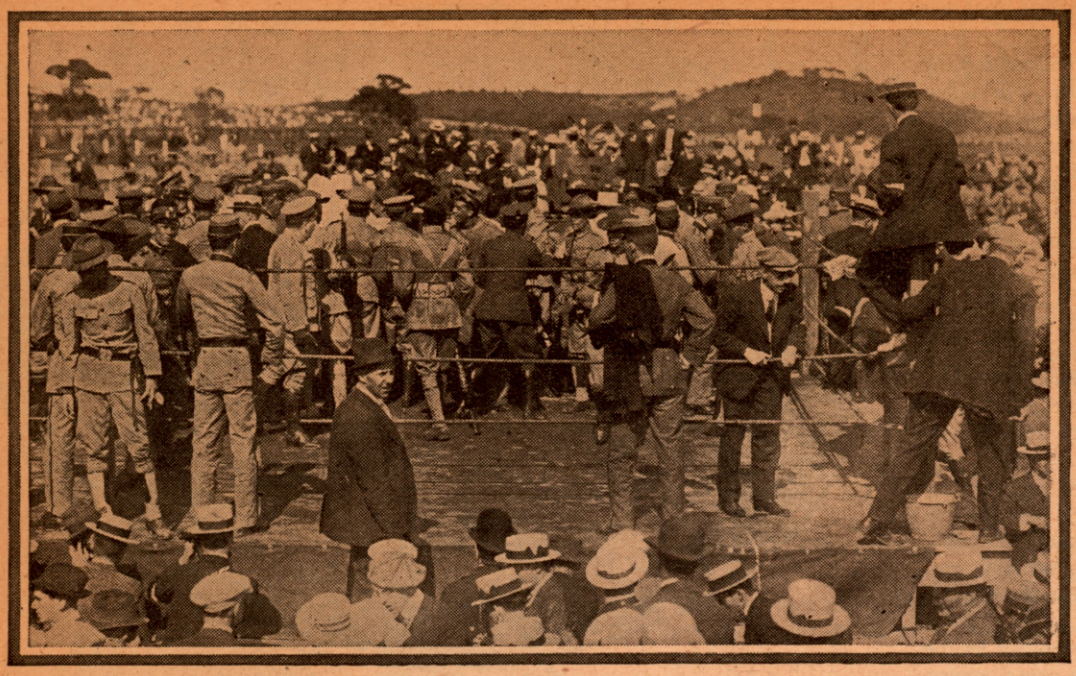
CURLEY was a crafty man. He met Johnson, and talked small talk, never a mention of a fight with Jess, who already had agreed to meet the Negro.

Curley talked and talked, and then said, quite blandly, "Jack, how is your dear old mother?"

Curley very likely didn't give a tinker's dam how old Mrs. Johnson felt. But he had hit Johnson in a weak spot.

Jack cried. "If I only could see my ma just once, and lay my hand on her brow. Just once, before she dies."



*The Cuban police escorting Johnson to his quarters after the fight while the crowd, mostly Cubans, surged around the defeated champ.*

Curley had Johnson on the ropes of sentiment. Gone was the Buenos Aires idea. Jack adored his aged mother.

"Jack, it's a cinch," Curley said. "You come to Mexico and meet Willard. We pay you $30,000 in cash—thirty $1,000 bills before you go into the ring. That big bum should be easy for you. Then we start working on bringing you back into the United States and quashing that Mann Act stuff. It's a cinch."

Curley clinched the deal and back he went to New York, to start things moving with Frazee.

Curley's first choice for the fight was Mexico City. He started for that capital to see President Carranza, but en route learned that Carranza was in flight and Pancho Villa, the bandit, was the new boss. Curley went to Pancho, but he refused to get mixed up in the affair.

Curley then shifted to the Texas border city of El Paso. But fighting there meant getting Johnson cleared first.

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JOHNSON now was in Juarez, just across the border, waiting for Curley to get things set. But the government officials refused to dicker with Curley and demanded that Johnson cross the Rio Grande and give himself up. This the champion refused to do.

Curley and Johnson then moved on to Havana, and started to arrange for a fight with Willard on Sunday, April 4.

Here Curley ran into fresh trouble. A certain prominent American protested to the State Department. The secretary of that department, William Jennings Bryan, refused to interfere. Then the meddler protested to the Cuban government against permitting a fight in Havana on Easter Sunday.

The upshot of it was a shift to Monday, April 5. Johnson was an 8 to 5 favorite.

In the United States, Jess was almost 2 to 1, but in Cuba, the smiling Johnson was a little better than even. All he had to do was to appear in the streets of Havana, and the mobs cheered him to the echo. The old Johnson smile still was working.

Willard worked like a beaver building his dam. Johnson refused to take the white challenger seriously. In vain did the champion's handlers plead with him, warn him, cajole him. All to no purpose.

Time came to weigh in. Johnson scaled at 205½, Jess at 230. The referee was Jack Welch.

Before Johnson went into the 21st round he received 29 $1000 bills. He already had drawn a thousand for expenses. Jack tossed the money to his wife and said, "Put that away, ma."

Before the fight, Curley said to Mrs. Johnson, "Lucille, you had better go to your hotel and stay away from the fight. You know how those things are."

Mrs. Johnson looked hard at Curley and began to cry. The champion broke in, "Aw, he's just kiddin', honey. You stay for the fight, and everything will be okeh."

Mrs. Johnson sat down and Jack exclaimed to Curley, "Why did you try to keep her from staying for the fight?"

Curley replied, "Jack, I don't want her to see you lose."

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AFTER the twenty-fifth round, Johnson called Curley to his corner. The failing champion whispered something and Curley walked over to Mrs. Johnson's seat. As the twenty-sixth round got under way, Mrs. Johnson got up and started for the exit. She had to pass the ring, and as she got there, saw Johnson knocked down. She let out a scream that resounded through the arena.

The fight was held at the Oriental Park race track. Curley had drawn for Frazee a glowing picture of 100,000 spectators paying half a million dollars. Actually, there were some 12,000 onlookers who paid, thousands who didn't, and the fight hardly was a financial success.

Had the contest ended after 20 rounds, Johnson would have won on points, and retained the title.

In those first 20 rounds, the Negro hit Willard almost when and how he wished. Jess was no boxer. He was a big, ungainly fighter who had lost a 20-round decision to Gunboat Smith and in 1914, had been whipped by Bearcat McMahon in Youngstown in a 12-rounder.

However, Willard worked against Johnson with a system. He knew Jack was a great boxer, a grand counter fighter, a defensive marvel. Willard knew that his main chance lay in wearing the Negro down. No use trying to outspeed him, outbox him. Just keep plodding, and Time and Nature would take their course—and their dues.

In the first eight rounds, Johnson was the aggressor, the winner, the hero. Willard took it and then took it again.

But there was something strange about this fight. While Jack kept pouring it in, Willard kept taking it—and without any sign of giving up. Jack was not putting Jess down.

Johnson reached Jess with both hands and achieved about everything you can imagine a fighter doing in the ring—except the knockout.

Came the ninth and Willard had a cut on his right cheek, and was bleeding from the mouth.

But the Kansan was more annoyed than he was distressed. Though taking it, he was gaining confidence.

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WILLARD suddenly assumed the offensive in the ninth, rushed at Jack like an enraged bull and swatted the Negro flush on the mouth with a right.

From the tenth round to the twentieth, Johnson earnestly tried for a knockout. These rounds do not support the belief that Jack took a dive. As Damon Runyon put it—and he was at the ringside—"I don't believe Johnson would have waited 26 rounds under that broiling sun to take a dive. He was not knocked out. He simply couldn't go any further, and he realized it."

In the twenty-first round it became apparent that Johnson had worn himself out. He had shot his bolt, thrown his Sunday punch without being able to stop the Kansas giant. Now it became a question as to how much farther the champion could go.

Johnson was slow in answering the bell for the twenty-sixth round. Jess met him more than two thirds of the way across the ring and walloped a left to the face.

Johnson's head snapped back and before he could recover his poise, the Pottawatomie Behemoth drove a terrific right into the bread basket.

Johnson rushed in and held on for dear life. That punch to the stomach proved the Negro's undoing, and really ended the long and at times ludicrous quest for the White Hope.

Referee Welch pried Jack loose and Jess crashed a left to the body. Johnson no longer knew what he was doing. He was just a tyro now. He lowered his guard to protect his stomach and Willard hammered a right to the jaw.

That was the finisher. Jack's legs became rubber. They bent, he dropped and rolled over on his back. Welch motioned Willard to his corner and started the count.

Welch went from one to 10. He could have gone right on, in so far as Jack was concerned. Johnson lying down there at 10, Welch held Willard's right mitt aloft. A new champion had been crowned!

The result did not appeal to the Cuban onlookers. There was a riot at the ringside. President Menocal left shaking his head. He, too, did not seem convinced that the contest had been decided on its merits. He remembered the Johnson of the twentieth round and could not reconcile the twenty-sixth with what he had seen six heats earlier.

Those who had bet on Johnson jeered and howled. Menocal ordered the Army to take over and things quieted down. A cavalry troop cleared the way for the fighters' three mile ride back to their hotels.

Willard got a tremendous ovation. Johnson returned to Havana with left eye shut and lips swollen and cut.

"The heat got me," Jack said. "But for the easy life in Europe, I would have taken him."

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JACK could not go back to the United States so he headed back for Europe. He decided to go to Spain to spend his $9,000, and in Madrid he settled.

Then came the first World War. Johnson tried to enlist in the American Army, but was not accepted. The British Army also turned him down. He was most eager to serve either country.

From 1915 to 1918 he did nothing in the ring, but was active in French war charities.

After the war, Johnson came to Mexico. He fought Capt. Bob Roper. Money had run out. Zest for life had run out. The man without a country had grown tired of exile. He surrendered to the authorities and took a year's sentence in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas.

In jail, Jack was a model prisoner. After his release, he found that going back to the South Side of Chicago, to New York, no longer appealed. He returned to Mexico.

On February 22, 1924, Jack Johnson put up so miserable a fight against Homer Smith in Montreal that he decided to quit the ring.

In connection with the Willard triumph over Johnson, I would like to quote Nat Fleischer, editor of THE RING Magazine, who, in his book "Fighting Furies," tells about Jack and the Havana episode. Fleischer was at the ringside that April afternoon, and this is what he wrote:

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"THE battle at Havana was one of the most interesting I have witnessed. It was not a thrilling affair, such as Jack Dempsey was to make us familiar with by his quick-finish ring melodramas in the future.

"Yet it was not devoid of the thrill element, especially up to the twentieth round when Johnson was trying with all his might to put over a kayo. For there was always the chance that the champion might succeed.

"Of one thing I was thoroughly convinced —that it was fought strictly on its merits. Nor have I ever had reason to change my opinion. Four years later Johnson came out with a published statement in which he claimed that he deliberately threw the fight.

"Later on he made an affidavit to that effect, which is still in my possession. Johnson was broke at the time, and for that reason I paid him the sum of $250 for the affidavit in question. But I never published it, because I was of the opinion that Jack was romancing in order to salve his wounded pride."

So much for the facts before and after and surrounding the twenty-six round battle in which Joe Louis's Negro predecessor champion was dethroned after a five year reign in which he failed foefully to cash in on the title he had taken from Jeffries. Just how the Havana contest went, punch by punch, is told in the following detailed account:—

Round 1—Johnson feinted and landed his left on Willard's jaw. Repeated uppercuts right to Jess's jaw. Latter was very nervous. Johnson was laughing when Willard drove two lefts to the Negro's body. Johnson drove a right to Willard's body.

Round 2—Johnson easily blocked Willard's leads. Feinting him out of position and scoring right and left to the jaw, Willard replied by thrashing his right to the Negro's body. Johnson then hooked his left to the stomach. Johnson then landed three lefts to the body. Willard laughed. Johnson then drove Willard to the ropes with a tattoo of lefts to the face.

Round 3—After much feinting, Willard missed a right swing and both laughed. Johnson rushed and scored a left on the body and a right on the jaw. Johnson landed a left on the body. Willard asking, "Is that the way you do it?"

Round 4—Willard lunged ineffectually. Johnson laughing at his clumsy efforts. There was much feinting. Johnson landed a left to the ribs and swung his right and left to the body and his left to Willard's face. Willard's lip was bleeding. Willard scored a left to Johnson's nose.

Round 5—Johnson poked a light left and right to Willard's face. Referee ordered them to break from a clinch. The Negro smashed hard on Jess's ribs and drove three blows to the cowboy's stomach. The champion rushed Willard to the ropes, scoring punches to the head and to the body. Willard was badly distressed. The challenger was rattled and boxed like an amateur.

Round 6—The Negro was calm at the opening of the round. He beat Willard to the ropes with a fusillade of lefts. On the break landed a smash to the giant's jaw. The Negro rubbed Willard's cut lip at every opportunity. The Negro landed three crashing blows to Willard's unprotected body. At the bell Johnson was hammering hard at Willard's body. The cowboy's left cheek was cut.

Round 7—Johnson was using every artifice to force the fighting. He rushed Willard to the ropes, slugging with both hands repeatedly. Willard's long left temporarily blinding the Negro's left eye. Johnson came back with a series of swings to Willard's body. It was a very clean fight so far.

Round 8—Willard was gaining confidence and tried to set the pace. Johnson accepted the challenge. The pugilists battered each other across the ring, the Negro having the better of it. Willard landed on Johnson's mouth. Johnson uppercut Willard over the heart. Willard bounced off the ropes and landed left to jaw. The round ended with the Negro swinging blows to head.

Round 9—Willard assumed the aggressive. Johnson's left started the cowboy's ear bleeding. The champion landed frequently, the blows appearing to lack their oldtime power. Amidst the feinting the crowd called "Kill the Black Bear." Johnson started a rally, driving three hard hooks to Willard's stomach. A left by Willard started the Negro's mouth to bleeding. The latter slugged the white man to the ropes.

Round 10—Johnson was slow in coming from his corner. Willard scored two lefts to the face. Jess was blocking better as the nervousness wore off. Johnson swung left to Willard's ribs and rushed a half dozen hard blows to the body and jaw. The Negro knocked Willard to the ropes with right and left swings to stomach. A hard right chop staggered Willard.

Round 11—The crowd was deriding Johnson, who fought and answered the sallies at the same time. Willard drove left to mouth and took a right hook to the body. Johnson smashed the cowboy with a left to the jaw. Jess blocked several swings. Johnson then tried to rattle Willard by talk. The latter, angry, replied in kind. Johnson tapped the giant's shoulder at the end of a slow round.

Round 12—The Negro opened with his left to the body and a right to the jaw. In a clinch he smashed Willard three times with a left. Johnson drove a right to the body and a left to the head. His blows apparently had no effect on Willard. Johnson drove Willard to a corner with a swing to the head. Willard's ear and cheek were bleeding. He walked spryly at the bell.

Round 13—Willard's body was now red from the effects of the punishment. The Negro, ducking under his opponent's lefts, continued to play for the stomach. Willard drove Johnson into a corner and landed a straight left to Johnson's face. The Negro jarred Willard with a left to the jaw. In return he next hooked the left to the white man's body, repeating the blow a minute later. The champion scored right and left to head as the bell rang.

Round 14—The fighting opened with Willard rushing and missing a right uppercut. The challenger was aggressive and tried to force the fighting. Johnson slammed Willard on the mouth with a left. Jess only laughed. The Negro was beginning to miss his leads. Willard drove a hard right to Johnson's ear. The Negro smashed a hard left to the body at the bell.

Round 15—The crowd kidded Johnson, who rushed Willard to the ropes and scored five hard swings. The bell found the pugilists fighting in the center of the ring.

Round 16—Jack missed a left to the head and clinched. The challenger blocked the Negro's rush. Amid much fighting, the Negro said: "Willard is a good kid," and then rushed Jess to the ropes, scoring two hard punches to the body. The Negro drove a terrific swing to Willard's side, the challenger going to his corner a trifle unsteady.

Round 17—Johnson hooked a left to his opponent's jaw and a right uppercut to the same place. Willard landed a right to Johnson's body and a left to head. Willard again scored a right to body and blocked the Negro's return. Jack drove Willard to the corner and landed two swings to the head. Johnson again hooked a right to the body, following it with two punches to the head.

Round 18—After much play of a tattoo on Willard's chest and stomach, Johnson drove Willard to a corner where he smashed him twice on the jaw. Willard's leads were easily picked off by the champion. Jess, after much trying, landed a straight left to Johnson's face. He added a right swing to the jaw at the bell. Johnson landed a punch to the body and another to the jaw.

Round 19—Both pugilists slowed up perceptibly. Willard was now the aggressor. Johnson stood in the middle of the ring, blocked blows for the first minute and not a single hard punch landed. Johnson seemed able to divine Willard's every lead. The Negro then started a rally, landing two lefts to the body and one right to the jaw.

Round 20—Willard opened with two light blows to the Negro's face. The latter laughed. Johnson said, "Land again, kid." Willard did and smiled. Persons in the crowd yelled, "Hurry up, we want to see the races!" Willard stabbed and pawed the air, until he landed a swing on the Negro's jaw. The Negro cut loose and battled Willard across the ring. The crowd went frantic when Willard drove a hard right and left to the Negro's body at the bell.

Round 21—After a minute of posing and of feinting, Johnson hooked his left to Willard's body and a right swing to the head. Willard replied with a straight left to the Negro's face. Jack rushed, but Willard protected well in a clinch. Johnson walked around the ring. Willard missed a right swing and both laughed. At the bell both were fighting for an opening.

Round 22—The fight at this point degenerated into a slow sparring, clinching battle. Neither pugilist appeared particularly tired or injured by the blows of his opponent. Willard tried setting the pace. In a clinch he battered the Negro's body with rights and lefts. Johnson grinned and Willard continued working away for the Negro's stomach. Jack grinned at the shrieking crowd, nevertheless, the pace showed the effect on him.

Round 23—Willard rushed into a clinch. Johnson held on until ordered to break by referee. The challenger shot two lefts to the Negro's face.

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# NEW ERA in NAVY BOXING

*By* E. J. McDERMOTT, Y/2C, USNR

THE sport of boxing, in the Caribbean area, in the past few years was predominantly sponsored by the Army, with the Navy supplying one or two fighters for the Departmental Championships.

The new era of boxing, so far as the Navy is concerned, began on May 2 of this year when Sammy Secreet, BM2/c, USNR, former welterweight contender, reported aboard the Naval Station. Sam set up a training schedule and a call was issued by the Welfare and Recreation Officer, Lt. (jg) M. R. Laird, USNR, to all members of the Naval Station who were interested in the manly art of self-defense. About a dozen men responded and Sam went right to work getting them in shape. Since then boxing in the Caribbean is dominated by the men of the Navy.

The first "smoker" of the season was held in the Naval Station Gymnasium a few months ago, with boxers from outlying naval units participating. It was an all Navy show and went over with a bang.

The next "smoker" brought together, besides the above mentioned units, members of the U. S. Army and Marine Corps, stationed in the area.

Both of these get-togethers were thoroughly enjoyed by all hands with an estimated gathering of about 4000 total attendance. As a result of the pleasure derived from these two shows, the Welfare and Recreation Officer, after receiving permission from Captain S. Mills, USN, Commanding Officer, decided on an innovation. He arranged the *Stars and Stripes* boxing bouts, staged on July 4. The affair was the crowning point of the season, with a capacity crowd of about 3000 in attendance.

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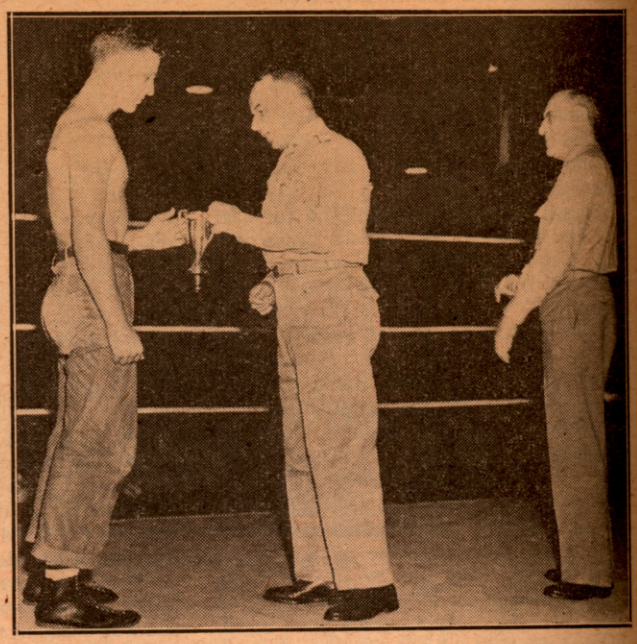
THE success of boxing at this station is due to the backing it has received from the Commanding Officer and the Executive Officer, Lieut. Comdr. C. W. Hoffer, USNR, men who are very much in favor of athletics for all hands, and are especially interested in the art of pugilism. Secreet also deserves much credit, for the condition of his men when they enter the "squared circle" is tops. Sam believes in putting on a good card and knows that it cannot be done unless the men are in the best physical condition.

The biggest problem facing Sam right now is the lack of competition for his boxers. The Army and Marine Corps, knowing they will have to face men who are in tip top shape, think twice before providing the opponents. Whenever the Naval Station team has competed against other stations or bases, they have walked off with top honors.



*"Pete" Ekonomos receiving the "outstanding boxer" award from General Pendleton in the "Stars and Stripes" bouts. Capt. Mills, Commanding Officer of the Naval Station is standing behind the General.*

In the *Stars and Stripes* bouts, Sixto Escobar, former bantamweight champion of the world, refereed the second bout. Another referee for the evening was Chief Specialist Sluka, USNR, former Olympic team boxer in 1932.

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HERE is a little resume of the Naval Station Boxing team: Oscar Martin, a promising featherweight with dynamite in either hand. He is destined to go a long way in boxing.

"Hymie" Alpers, 135-pound Departmental champ in 1943, who before entering the Navy, fought quite a number of amateur fights around Philadelphia and Camden, N. J. Though Alpers is a good-natured and likeable fellow outside the ring, there are very few fighters who are anxious to meet him in the ring.

K. O. Galliand, 147-pound novice, who has come a long way in the past few months, winning three fights, two by the T.K.O. route and one on a decision. This boy is cool in tight spots and really is at his best when the going gets rough.

Vince Giannini, 150-pounder from Philadelphia, is a rugged two-fisted fighter, who is a whirling dervish in the ring. This boy is really tough and fast and with a little more experience, should be one of the top-flight welterweights in a couple of years.

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***Naval Station boxing team, kneeling: O. Claxton, cox.; O. Martin, SK3/c; V. Giannini, SC2/c; S. Secreet, BM2/c; Boxing Instructor H. Alpers, SF2/c; K. Galliand, CM3/c. Sitting, in back row: H. Masters, BM2/c; A. Andersen, BM1/c; Capt. S. Mills, Commanding Officer; Lt. (jg) M. R. Laird, Welfare and Recreation Officer; W. Doughty, S2/c, and P. Ekonomos, MM3/c.***

# Hitting the Spotlight

*By* FRED EISENSTADT

*Pete Virgin, known as Young Jimmy Cagney, a Schenectady, New York, featherweight.*

### YOUNG JIMMY CAGNEY

BECAUSE of his startling resemblance to the moving-picture star, Pete Virgin's manager, Jack Larkin, changed his protege's name to Young Jimmy Cagney—a fitting monicker indeed, as each is pretty pugnacious. Pete is hard of muscle, game, aggressive and a two-fisted walloper. He makes no attempt to imitate the man he resembles. He has no ambition for screen fame, but the kid sure looks like Jimmy Cagney in action when the latter is portraying a fighting demon before the camera. Born in Schenectady, N. Y., on June 7, 1925, Virgin quit school at sixteen in order to work and help support the family as his three brothers had joined the army. He got a job as a painter.

He started boxing as an amateur at the age of fifteen. In two and a half years of fighting, Pete won 52 out of 60 contests—fighting as a flyweight, a bantamweight and a featherweight. He was then managed by Chick Ivenello.

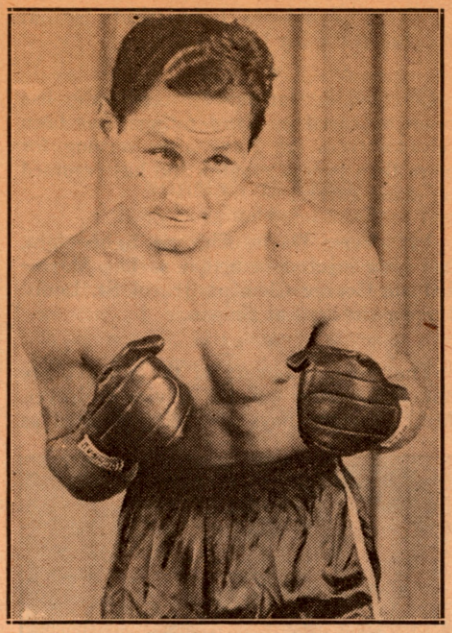
He stopped working and turned pro on April 30, 1943, under the care of Jack Larkin, well-known New Jersey fight manager. It was Larkin's idea to change Pete Virgin's ring name to "Young Jimmy Cagney," but he still fights under his correct name, Virgin.

Out of 31 pro contests, he has lost but four. He defeated Charley Noel, who recently gave former NBA featherweight champ, Phil Terranova, a hard battle; and Sammy LaPort, Jimmy Evens, Clint Carter, Al "Babyface" Pennino, Milton Ward, Jimmy Armstrong, Lou Germanto, Billy Neil, and Jerry Darby. He fought national draws with Georgie Cooper and Pat Leslie.

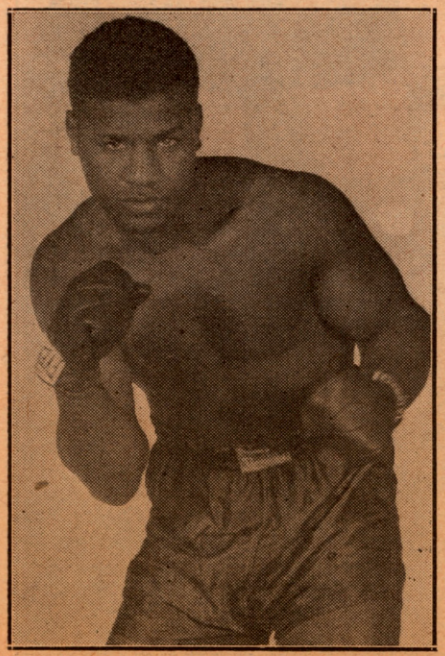
Undefeated Freddie Russo has this to say about him: "In all my 36 pro fights, Pete gave me my toughest battle. He's tough and aggressive, keeps punching all the time. I had to fight my best in order to beat him."

Young Cagney's trainer, Ray Arcel, thinks the lad has the makings of a grand ringman. "The boy repeatedly surprises me with the little but highly important things he does while fighting. Tricks that only ringwise experts can notice; such as moving his head slightly with a punch; partially blocking punches at close quarters, thus killing the force of the otherwise damaging blows and fending off punches by a slight lift of his shoulder."

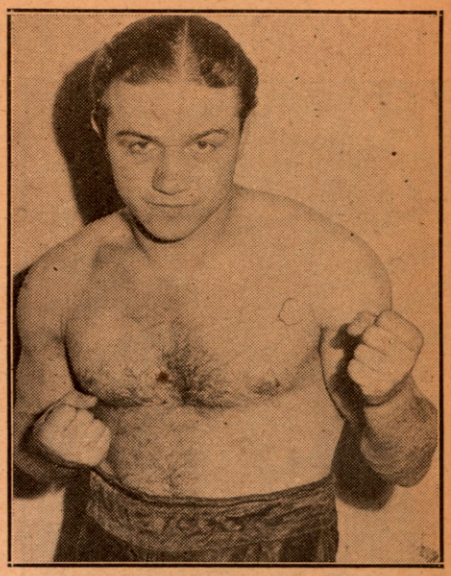
Pete is an intelligent and pleasant young man. He listens to advice and makes every effort to follow it. He loves the boxing game and would like to fight every week.



*Jean Barriere, Montreal featherweight, who is a good club fighter.*



*Eldridge Eatman who fought a draw with Lee Q. Murray.*



*Jerry Maloni, a heavy hitting Springfield, Mass., middleweight, a ring veteran.*

### ELDRIDGE EATMAN

IT is not only the fact he has fought a sensational draw with a topranking heavyweight contender, Lee Q. Murray, that entitles Eldridge Eatman to pugilistic recognition. It is because the pleasant young Negro is a sterling ringman. Eatman has been forced to learn the rigors of fistiana the hard way, by fighting seasoned ring gladiators, and by acting as sparring partner for some of the leading heavyweight scrappers in the world.

Eldridge has put his former ring rival, Lee Q. Murray, in fighting trim for many of the giant Negro's most important battles. Eatman is strong, aggressive, knows how to box and hits with force.

Born in Washington, D. C., on December 27, 1918, Eldridge graduated from grammar school and then attended Bedford Junior High School at Westport, Conn. He was pitcher on the baseball team. He also was a good basketball player, a football and track star, and a high jumper.

"I began to box as an amateur," related the young man, "while still attending high school. Later, I joined the Golden Gloves boxing team in New York, under the care of the popular trainer, George Gainsford—representing the Salam Crescent A. C. I lost in the semi-finals and went back home."

Eldridge Eatman turned pro in 1939, when he was 19 years old. He won 23 ring engagements in succession before tasting defeat. It was that winning streak that probably encouraged his handlers to match him with fighters far too experienced for him; men like Al McCoy, Tami Mauriello, Nathan Mann, Al Boros, Jack Wofford, Charley Eagle, Bill Weinberg.

In spite of the fact that he knocked out Julio Ortenzio and Steve Carr and defeated several lesser-known scrappers, Eatman decided to secure the service of a more efficacious manager. He finally chose the capable Chris Dundee. Under the latter's management, Eldridge has fought

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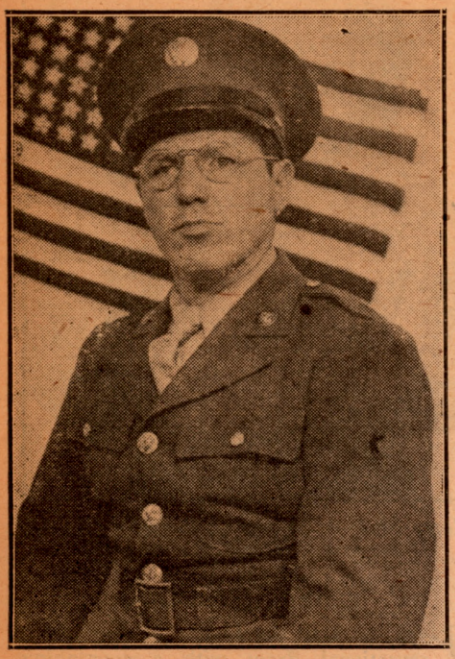
# The Ring's Honor Roll

By PFC. JIMMY HEARNS



*Pvt. Harry Goldstein of Boston, Mass., former New England bantam champion, 1924 to 1932, who is now in the American army of invasion in Europe.*

REPORTS from France on Pfc. Vince Kozak, whose death was reported in these columns in the last issue have reached us through the *Stars and Stripes*. Vince, whose whirling fists carried him to the ETO heavyweight boxing title in England, was killed in the early Normandy fighting. The hard punching 190-pounder from Hazelton, Pa., died shortly after an enemy artillery shell burst near a bridge he was guarding. Kozak was a member of a First Army MP unit which landed in Normandy a few days after the D-Day attack.

He fought under the banner of the 29th Infantry in the ETO boxing tournament staged over a four days period last year. He knocked out Leo McLain of Kansas City, advanced to the semi-final by default; outpointed Cpl. Harold Raskin from Chicago and stopped Cpl. Rudolph Roch of Ritzville, Wash., in the second round of the finals. He later was in the Inter-Allied tournament in England in which the British team clashed with the Americans, and it was his victory that gave the Americans a 6 to 5 triumph. He was rated one of the best of the Army's heavyweight scrappers.

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Eddie Borden and Meyer Ackerman, the former in the Canadian Army and Ackerman in the U. S. Tank Corps, both well known to RING readers as members of the staff, have been in action in France for many weeks. Borden landed a few days after the D-Day venture and has been in the thick of it since. Meyer, advanced to a corporal, landed a few days after the fall of Brest and may now be in Paris. He is with Gen. Patton's men.

Mickey Donohue, Connecticut battler, was hit in the leg by shrapnel.

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Cocoa Kid, star middleweight who has often appeared in RING ratings, has been released from the Navy after serving for more than twenty months and has resumed his fistic career.

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Pvt. Verle Davis, Chicago lightweight, has been injured in action as has Marine Private George Clement, Jr., of St. Louis. He was injured at Saipan.

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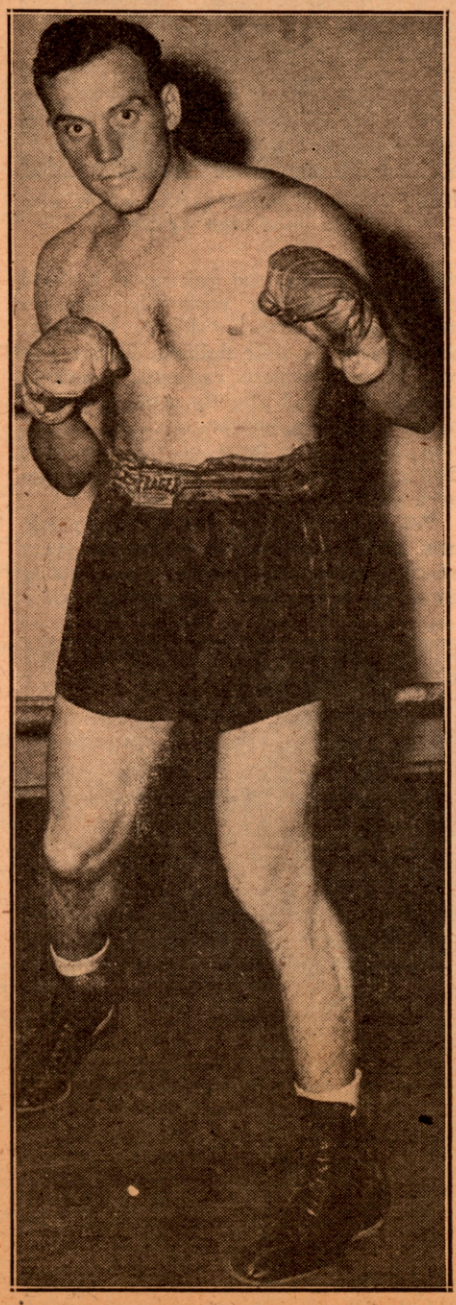
The amateur boxers of the country are now being taken into the service in droves. Most of these boys are being drafted as quickly as they have reached the age of eighteen and many, eager to have their choice of service, have enlisted before reaching the draft age. Close to 300 were sworn in during the month of August.

Our list shows a total of 4367 pros in the armed forces as of September 1.



*Norman Evenson, a Navy fighter with a splendid record.*

*Tommy Harkins of the Bainbridge Naval station, a Long Beach, L. I., athlete of prominence. He's a star baseball player.*

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Lew Kirsch, former East Side lightweight, who is serving overseas and has been across for almost two years, reports that his brother has been killed in action in the recent drive on Paris. Lew is one of many Brooklyn boxers now seeing service.

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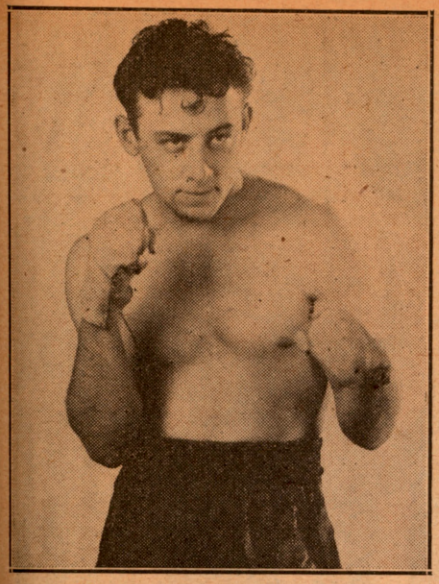
Tony Zale, who has just returned to his base following a fifteen days furlough, says he will defend his title when the war is over. He continues to keep well within his middleweight limit and scales close to 160 pounds. Tony is a Chief Specialist in the Navy.

Here are short biographical sketches of boxers in the service:

Tommy Loughran, former lightheavyweight champion and one of boxing's internationally known figures, who was honorably discharged from the Marines several weeks ago because of overage has become associated with a sugar brokerage concern and will become its South and Central American salesman. Tommy is now 41.

Joe McGuigan, district sales manager of the firm, announced that Loughran first will learn the business in the Philadelphia office, then be sent on the road. That, McGuigan said, means Loughran will be sent to Cuba and throughout South America covering the same territory he toured while still active in the ring and will become a sort of "good will ambassador."

In his new post Loughran will be working with the man who refereed some of his



*Cpl. Bobby Volk of Portland, Oregon, an outstanding middleweight champion of the ETO in England.*

matches. McGuigan retired as a ring official several years ago.

Tommy, regarded at the height of his career as one of the cleverest boxers in ring history, enlisted in the Marines as a private in 1942. He was stationed at various times at Parris Island, N. C.; New River, N. C., and the Philadelphia Navy Yard, rising to Staff Sergeant.

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### PVT. HARRY GOLDSTEIN

ONE of New England's best bantam and flyweight fighters of about fifteen years ago, Harry Goldstein, is now stationed with the American army in Italy. Harry, whose photo was carried in THE RING back in 1928, is 38 years old but is doing his bit like a youngster. He was holder of the New England title for about ten years.

Some of the boys Harry boxed as a pro were Sammy Fuller, Johnny Vacca, Andy Martin, Corporal Izzy Schwartz for the flyweight crown; Newsboy Brown, Frenchie Belanger, the N.B.A. champion; Johnny Erickson, Billie Kelly, Willie Davis, Pete Sanstol, Black Bill, Tommy Paul, Steve Rocco, Ruby Bradley and Speedy Dado among other tough 'uns.

*Pvt. Ginger Foran, former British featherweight king, now a U. S. citizen and member of the Second Army Air Force.*

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### NORMAN EVENSON

A NAVY fighter who has seen twenty-six months of combat in the Pacific area and other active zones, is being touted at the Jacksonville Naval Base as one of the outstanding heavyweights in the service. His name is Norman Evenson of Brooklyn. He stands 6 feet 2, weighs 185 pounds and is only twenty-one years old, and carries the kick of a mule.

During his stay outside the continental limits of the country as a member of the Navy, he engaged in ten fights and won nine by the kayo route, all of them being in less than two and a half minutes. Since his return he has had several contests and scored two more kayoes. He stopped Phil Gustafson, Chicago football player in 37 seconds of the first round and then put away Joe Renneur in 1.12 of the second. He gained several three-round decisions over Tony Miller of the Camp Gordon Johnson Army team. Tony previously had forty-six victories in fifty-seven bouts.

Cal Cagni, one of the athletic directors at Jacksonville's Naval Base, thinks so much of Evenson that he has taken him in charge and is tutoring him for a post-war campaign. Jack Laken is helping Cal Cagni. Navy men say that Evenson is the best heavyweight prospect developed since the war got under way.

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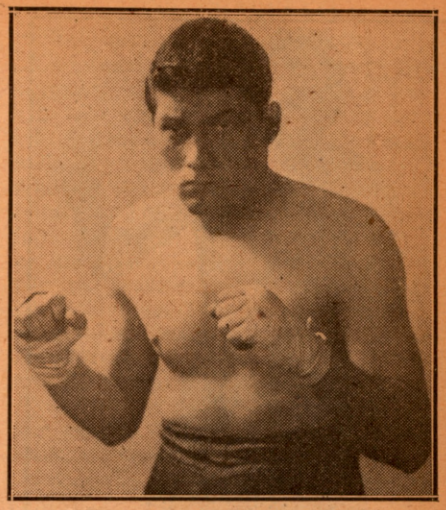
### THOMAS HARKINS

Long Beach, Long Island, has sent many good athletes to the various branches of the armed forces, and most of the lads, graduates of Long Beach High School, have made good with a vengeance because of their special training. The majority are Army and Navy officers. Among those who have come through with flying colors, are Stanley Weinberger, star ping pong and baseball player, who after graduation became a member of THE RING staff and is now a camouflage officer, with a first lieutenant's rating at Lowry Field, Nevada; Willie Klein, basketball, boxing and baseball star, who is a first lieutenant in the Signal Corps, and Bernie Janos, who is a captain of artillery in France.



*Charlie Hodges, champion of the U. S. forces in the Maritime Provinces of Canada.*

The latest all-around athlete to join the colors is Tommy Harkins, an outstanding baseball and basketball player just turned eighteen who hopes some day to become a major leaguer. Tommy is stationed at the Bainbridge School where specialists are prepared for the Navy. Just before donning the Navy blue, Harkins was given a tryout by a minor league and had not the war interfered, he would be playing his favorite position at shortstop now.

Harkins' dad was a good ball player and Tommy hopes to better the record of his father who starred for the New York Athletic Club. The Navy has gained a good ball player in young Tommy.

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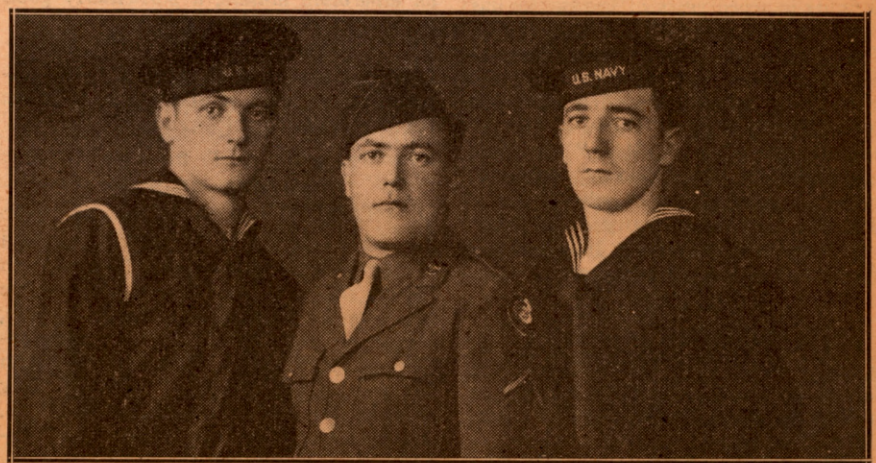
### CARL PALOMBO

CARL PALOMBO, a fighting member of the 5th Army, is a former National Golden Gloves Champion in the featherweight class. Palombo has fought 45 fights overseas of which he has won 44 and lost only one. He defeated Jimmy Case of the




*Three of the five Sinott boys in active service. Left to right: Joe, S2/c U. S. Navy; Pfc. Johnny, U. S. Air Corps and Jim, S2/c U. S. Navy. The Sinotts come from the Bronx, New York City, and all New York is proud of this fighting family.*

*Irwin Weinberg, Pharmacist's Mate, 1/c, U. S. Navy. He is stationed at a Naval Air Base in California. He coaches the San Pedro boxing team.*

5th Army for the Allied Championship in Algiers. He also fought in North Africa, Sicily and Italy and holds the P.B.S. featherweight title.

Palombo has seen action in Sicily, Anzio and Rome. Great fighters who are now overseas and have seen Palombo predict a coming featherweight world champion in him. Joe Louis, Jack Sharkey, Fidel LaBarba, Johnny Hanlon, and Frankie Nelson, have heaped praise on him.

While in the States, Palombo held the All Eastern Diamond Belt Championship, won the Adirondack Golden Gloves tournament for three successive years, held the Diamond Belt Championship and the Eastern States title for two years.

Palombo started boxing when he was a kid of 13. During his boxing career of 220 fights in seven years of boxing, he has won 183 fights and lost 37.

Carl Palombo's home town is Amsterdam, New York. His dad is a cobbler and Carl worked with him after school to raise money to study at Harvard. He derived the name of "Cobbler," and was known by Carl "The Cobbler" Palombo, throughout the East and North.

Palombo has been featured in many U. S. Navy boxing cards in Italy and has been marked as a great performer.

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### PFC. SECUNDINO HERRERA

PFC. SECUNDINO HERRERA, now in the 1st Cavalry Division, Somewhere in the South Pacific, is still a champion to his buddies. He was a winner of the Golden Gloves Championship in 1938 in the featherweight class and in 1939, fighting as a professional under the name of Pancho Villa, he won the Featherweight Championship of New Mexico and Colorado.

Herrera is still a featherweight boxer, yet in the Admiralty invasion, he fought as a heavyweight with his machine gun and is credited with "plenty of permanent knockouts" and a few T.K.O.'s—the losers—the Jap Imperials.

Pfc. Herrera entered the Army in 1940 at Fort Bliss, Texas, where he received his basic training. In 1943 he left for overseas with the 1st Cavalry Division.

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### CPL. BOBBY VOLK

PORTLAND, Oregon, citizens are proud of one of their fighting boys, Corporal Bobby Volk who a few weeks ago took the measure of the outstanding middleweight in the American army in England, Pfc. "King Tut" Tabor. Tabor, who previously had won twenty-five straight in army competition, found Volk a tough hurdle and went down to defeat. The victory of Volk carried with it the USSTAF middleweight title and he now holds both that and the welterweight championship.

Volk has had eleven fights in the ETO, and won ten. He has had a total of forty-six amateur bouts. He is 21 years old. In 1939 he won the Oregon A.A.U. 126-pound crown. Since joining the army he has taken on considerable weight.

*Capt. Mark Conn who is with Gen. Chennault's Air Force in China as Athletic Officer. Mark is a New York City boy, and an all-around athlete, a particularly good boxer.*

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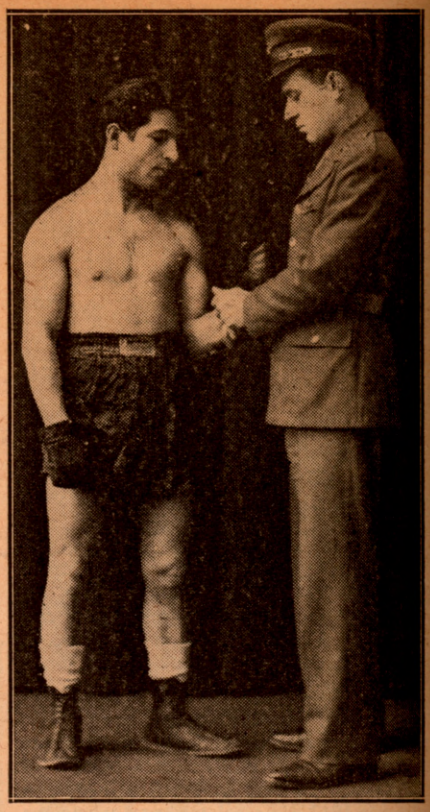
### CHARLIE HODGES

CANADIAN and American scribes who have seen the U. S. soldiers stationed in the Newfoundland Base Command in boxing matches, have heaped considerable praise on a young soldier, Charlie Hodges, winner of the United Nations championship in the Maritime Province. To attain his goal, young Hodges waded his way through the stiffest opposition the U. S. Navy, Royal Canadian Navy, Royal Canadian Air Force, and the Canadian Army had to offer.

Previous to his entry into the Armed Forces, the youngster was the high school



*Tony Signoretti who is in Italy and is being handled in boxing by Rocky Progano.*

featherweight and lightweight champion, successively, of South Carolina.

Hodges is only 19. He deals out "knockout drops" with either hand.

Other promising performers up in Newfoundland are: Al Texera, U. S. Army, sensational Pawtucket, R. I., boy, the 140-pound champion. Tommy Campbell, Royal Canadian Navy, the middleweight titleholder, who hails from Lethbridge, Ontario. Bernie McNally, U. S. Navy, the heavyweight champion, a product of Worcester, Mass. Bennie Berman, U. S. Army, "a dead end kid specimen" from New York's East Side, is the feather champ. Mike Pinto, U. S. Army, the 140-pound runner-up, a Bronx boy whose "knock 'em down and drag 'em out" brawl with Texera had the crowd in an uproar. George Campbell, U. S. Army, a rough, tough 145-pound lad from South Carolina, who was forced to discontinue when a cut eye caused his retirement in the semi-finals.

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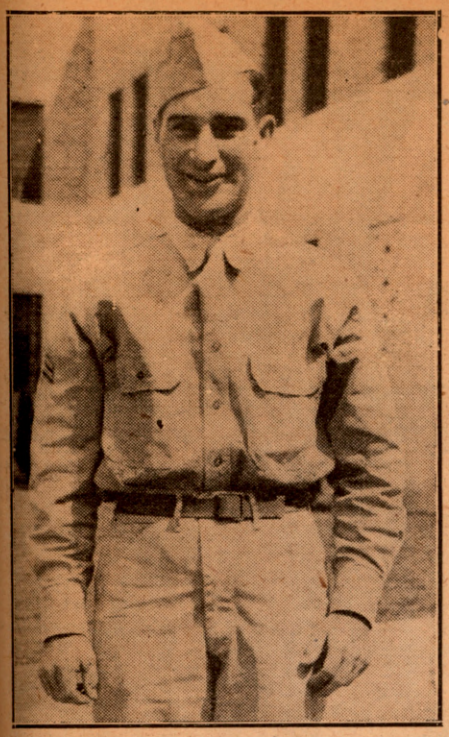
### PVT. GINGER FORAN

PVT. Christopher (Ginger) Foran, former featherweight boxing champion of the British Empire, is now a member of the Second Army Air Force, largest in continental U. S., and is stationed in Oklahoma at an Army air field.

"The kid from Slippery Green," as Foran was known in Wexsford, Eire, his birthplace, wound up his fighting career in Hollywood in the summer of 1942 with a six-round kayo of Frenchie Savidan of Los Angeles.

Ginger fought many bouts in his close to 14 years of ring warfare. He doesn't recall today just how many of those fights he won, but he carried off the honors in most of them. At the time he was



*Ruby Margolin, Roxbury, Mass., welterweight.*

holder of the British Empire crown in the feather class.

The fighting Irishman defeated featherweight king Johnny McGrory, a Scotsman, in 1937, for the Empire title at Liverpool, England. Foran kayoed McGrory in the seventh. The Scotsman collapsed after being revived in the ring. It was later discovered that Foran's fists had broken his jaw.

Foran was forced to vacate his title when he came to the United States later that same year with Tommy Farr, then the English hope for the world's heavyweight title. Ginger met and defeated Pete Scalzo and Lew Jenkins. He defeated Allie Stolz in one of their two encounters.

"The kid from Slippery Green" early showed boxing promise. At the age of nine, he won his school championship. He weighed about "5 stone 4"—roughly, about 75 pounds. When he was 14, he won the North of England amateur championship. He turned professional when he was only 15 and won a 10-round decision in his first fight.

Pvt. Foran received his final American citizenship papers a year ago in the City Hall at Oklahoma City. Thirty-one now, ten pounds heavier than he's ever been, his ring career is behind him. But he recently unearthed a youngster at Abilene, Tex., whom he regards as a "coming contender for the world's lightweight title." Ginger is going to manage his find after the duration and six.

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## THE SINOTT QUINTET

THERE aren't many families in this country that can boast of a record for war service better than that of the Sinotts of the Bronx, New York City. The Sinott family, like that of the Ephrem family of Jacksonville, Florida, is proud of the fact that every member capable of bearing arms, is serving Uncle Sam.

Five Sinott boys are in the service, and six of the Ephrems. The eldest Sinott, Johnnie, was the 1917 sub-novice Golden Gloves champion in the 112-pound class and the New York Police League juvenile champion for 1935.

Danny, a 112-pounder, was the Bronx County champ in 1938 and the semi-finalist in the 112-pound class in 1937. In 1939 he turned pro. He fought among others Curley St. Angelo, Aaron Seltzer, Harold Schwartz, Bill Speary, Peanuts Barbetta, Lee Harper and other promising bantams and appeared often in New York clubs. Both he and Johnnie were under the tutelage of Sgt. Bill Spengler of the Police Department, former Olympic heavyweight champ.

Frank Sinott had a few bouts before joining the army. He has seen action in four South Pacific invasions.

Joe had his last gloves bout early this year and now is in the Navy stationed in Pennsylvania.

Jim had 12 bouts in Police Athletic League tourneys and is now in the Navy stationed at an air base in Texas. Here is the roster of the Sinott family:

Pfc. Johnnie—26 years old—Air Corps.
Pvt. Danny—25 years old—Infantry.
Cpl. Frank—21 years old—Field artillery.
S2/c Joe—19 years old—Navy.
S2/c—James—17 years old—Navy.
We salute the Sinotts.

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## CAPT. MARK CONN

CAPT. MARK CONN is one of the best boxing instructors in the service today. Mark was 1936 Golden Gloves Lightweight Champion, winner of the Yale Rubin Memorial Trophy and member of the 1936 International Golden Gloves Boxing team.

Prior to entering the army, Mark was an athletic director for the New York City Park Department for six years, and was teaching physical education in the New York City high schools. He continued this work upon induction into the Service. In 1941 and 1942 Conn did an excellent job at Fort Knox, Kentucky, as athletic director. He was the first to introduce mass boxing instruction into the Armored Force where he handled as many as 1000 men in a single class.

Capt. Conn is an all-around athlete and has coached every sport in the army. At the present time he is serving the Air Force in China under General Chennault as an Athletic Officer.

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## KID HOMER ROGERS

MIDGET SMITH, former star bantamweight from New York who saw service in the last war and enlisted again for overseas duty in this conflict, has been tutoring a young soldier from Haverhill, Mass., "Kid" Homer Rogers, and in a letter the "Midget" sent from Sardinia, he says:

"One of these days you are going to get an eyeful when you see my young fighter, Rogers, in action. I think he is an excellent prospect and you know that I wouldn't be kidding about such things. The lad has everything that goes to make a good, first rate boxer and I am confident he'll make the grade. He is one of the best boys among our army boxers I have seen in this neck of the world or in North Africa."

## TONY SIGNORETTI

THE three great concerns in the life of former welterweight boxer, Tony Signoretti, who is now somewhere in Italy, is to help win the war, the welfare of his wife, and the fistic career of his best friend and protege, featherweight Rocky Progano. While he was stationed at Camp Croft, in South Carolina, Tony used to see Rocky fight whenever he got a furlough, but for ten months now—since he went across to help exterminate the Nazi menace—the only information Tony has been able to get about Rocky was from the pages of THE RING Magazine, whenever he was fortunate enough to get hold of a copy.

Signoretti, who is 30 years old and has been married for five years, was a clever boxer. He did most of his fighting around Utica, N. Y., and Waverly. When he gave up boxing, he directed his talents toward teaching his little friend the tricks of the fistic trade. Rocky is, however, not the scientific type of fighter. He likes to wade in, fists swinging, and punch at his foe—come what may. His aggressive style has made Progano popular wherever he does his scrapping. And that, no doubt, is making the soldier very happy.

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## CPL. RUBY MARGOLIN

AN everlasting debt of gratitude is owed to boxing by Ruby Margolin of Roxbury, Mass. Interest in boxing was primarily responsible for conditioning Ruby back to health after being afflicted with infantile paralysis.

In his first boxing try he won the 147 lb. novice Boston Park Department crown. Then he entered the amateurs and competed against such top-notch welters as Jimmy Mulligan, Jimmy Ranahan, Clinton Perry, Carlo Intinerelli, and Willard Buckless. He won the New Hampshire State title in 1939, defeating Norman Villeneuve, defending titlist. During a short stay out on the west coast, he competed in the Pacific Northwest Golden Gloves, winning in Spokane and losing by a split decision the final bout in Seattle. After sporting a record of 37 victories against 13 losses, his ring warfare was terminated.

Ruby was known as the scholar-pug because he fought while attending college. A peek at his educational and ring activities reveals that both were closely coordinated to comprise his budding professional career. His educational history consists of a Bachelor's degree in sociology from Northeastern University and a Master's degree in sociology from Boston University. At Northeastern, he was freshman boxing instructor, and also taught boys' groups at the Y.M.C.A.

During the summer, he was boxing counçilor in various New England summer resort camps. After graduation from school, he went to the University of Idaho as assistant boxing coach. Then he returned from the west coast and accepted a position of Director of Physical Activities at North End Union. In addition, he and Al Davidson now run Al Davidson's Gym of Roxbury which included the managing of Young Byron, outstanding professional welterweight.

At present he is a physical instructor in the Reconditioning Program at the Cushing General Hospital, Framingham, Mass.

# BOXING, WRESTLING STARS *at* FT. SCOTT SHOW

*Two former champs, Henry Armstrong and Ken Overlin, pose with Vic Grupico, Coast Guardsman, and Pvt. Al Couture, Harbor Defenses of San Francisco welter champ. Left to right, Overlin, Grupico, Armstrong and Couture.*

SPOTLIGHTED by Henry Armstrong, one-time world's triple titleholder, Ken Overlin, ex-middleweight champion, and Steve (Crusher) Casey, an all-star boxing and wrestling exhibition was staged at Fort Winfield Scott, Calif., for G.I.'s in the Harbor Defenses of San Francisco. Soldier fans witnessing the card, sponsored by the army special service offices and *The Golden Gate Guardian,* camp newspaper, saw Armstrong referee the exhibition bout between Jack Chase, popular ex-California State middleweight champ, and Lieutenant Joe Garrett, Merchant Marine with a good wallop.

Overlin, recently discharged from the navy after duty in the Pacific refereed the go between Private Al Couture, Fort Scott's own rising welterweight, and Vic Grupico, Coast Guardsman. Grupico was seconded by Coast Guardsman Pat Patterson, Asiatic Fleet champion.

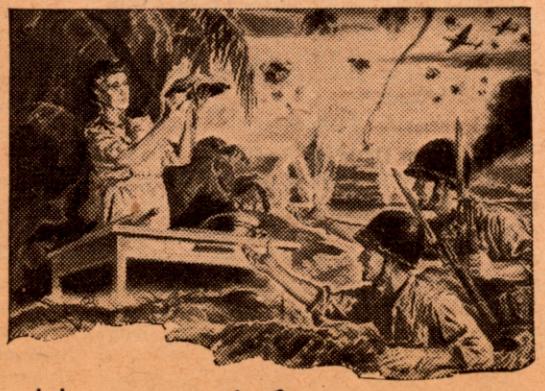
Wrestler Casey, who had defeated Maurice Tillet, the "French Angel," the night before to regain his title, put on a ten-minute exhibition with Gus Manlapig, chunky Filipino grappler. Joe Malciewicz, veteran West Coast mat promoter, who arranged for the wrestlers appearing on the Fort Scott card, also sent Dean Detton, ex-California State titleholder, and Hank Methaney, a Navyman.

Casey later refereed a match between Corporal Leo Ghilardi, Fort Scott, and Private Leo Springer, Fort Funston, for the Harbor Defenses wrestling championship, which Springer, a former New York A. C. matman, won in 16 minutes, 43 seconds, with a body press. Colonel William F. Lafrenz, commanding officer of the HDSF, awarded the winner a handsome trophy.

Other stars appearing on the show included LeRoy Wade, up-and-coming young Negro boxer from San Francisco, who was paired with Johnny Lasinski, former Middlewestern middleweight; Sailor Dave Lewis, Fort Scott, 1942-43 Inter-Allied Southwest Pacific-New Guinea bantamweight champ, who fought Ramon Flores; Kent Diehl and Sam Azzanero, Coast Guard punchers; Sergeant Paul Acuna and Private Bill Kirby, Fort Barry boxers.

Bill Guyman, KGO-Blue Network, San Francisco, sportcaster, was ring announcer. "Frisco" Charlie White and Danny Jackson, veteran Bay Area trainers of the Dolph Thomas gym, helped with the referee chores. Plans are progressing for another all-star show.


**No Mother's Pies for those G.I.'s—But—**



NATURALLY, you mothers and wives and sisters would like to be over there seeing to it that your boys have that good home cooking. For it's a long jump from K rations to strawberry shortcake.

But, though you can't cook for them, you can do this: you can help see to it that the food they get is in perfect condition! How? By doing everything you possibly can to save paper and to aid your storekeeper in saving paper.

For it's paper and paperboard, tons and tons of it, which protect our food shipments to the Army overseas.

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**Use Less Paper—Save All Wastepaper**

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## New Era in Navy Boxing

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Andersen, 160 pounds, is a rugged and hard fighting boy. Andy has fought quite a few fights in the New England states, winning 20 and losing two.

Walt Doughty, 160-pound Golden Gloves champ, is a newcomer to the Station.

Masters, 175 pounds, has been fighting for a few years and knows his way around.

Orel Claxton, 175-pounder. Although this boy lacks experience he shows great promise in winning three fights to date.

Pete Ekonomos, is the best looking heavyweight prospect this writer has seen in quite some time. He has a beautiful left and moves as fast as a normal lightweight. In the *Stars and Stripes* bouts, Pete received the "Captain Mills Award," a beautiful trophy, presented to the outstanding boxer of the evening. Pete received this award not only for his boxing, but also for his sportsmanship.

# *Flying Leathernecks Have Powerful Boxing Team*

*By* PFC. J. TYRUS PRIMM, SR.

AT THE largest air station in the Marine Corps, where pilots and crews alike are training for battle in the Pacific, Cherry Point's Flying Fighting Leathernecks, under the capable supervision of Coach Sergeant Johnny Abood of Brooklyn, N. Y., has become one of the most powerful boxing teams along the Eastern Coast.

Although constantly losing some of his best fighters to Marine aviation units entering combat, Sergeant Abood, an outstanding professional lightweight a few years ago, keeps rebuilding his teams and has three leather-pushers coming along who have everything a good fighting Marine needs except a little more experience in the squared circle.

twelve. He has had fifty bouts and lost only five during his career. Since enlisting in the Marines in February, 1943, he has won sixteen and lost two for the Cherry Point team. Roach has never been knocked out during his career.

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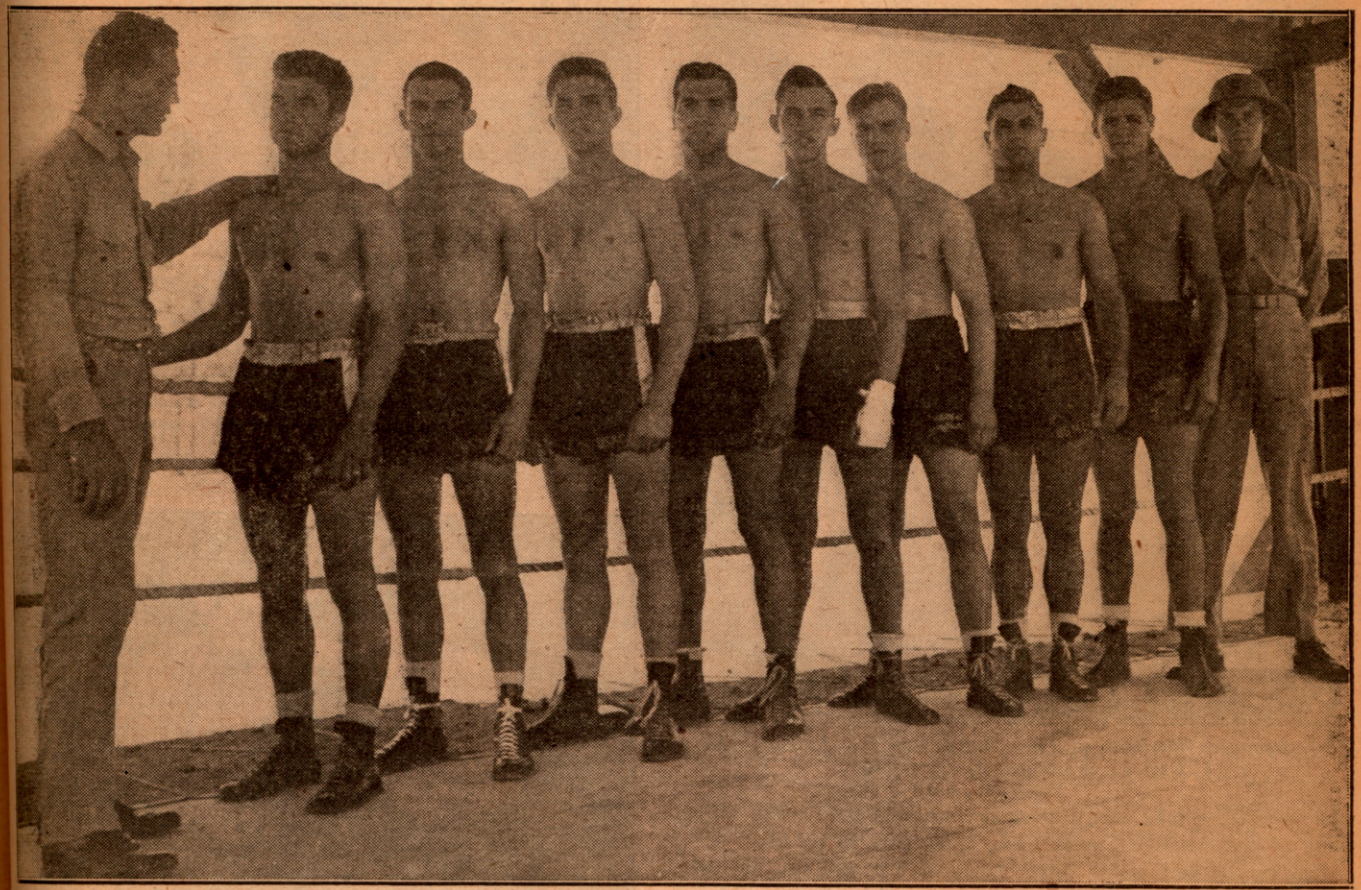
IN the lightweight class, Private First Class James McFadden from Bayonne, N. J., has won his last five fights against the toughest competition in the service along the East Coast.

"Give me six more months with this boy," Coach Abood says, "and he will beat anything in his weight in the service, and I mean a lot of the good pro boys, too. He has everything—a good



*Rapidly becoming one of the finest service teams along the Eastern Coast, Cherry Point's Fighting Flying Leathernecks have won five, lost one and tied one since the first of the year. From left to right: Coach Sergeant Johnny Abood, 571 East 9th Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Corporal Leon Leblonde, Lisbon, Maine, 140 pounds; Private First Class James McFadden, Bayonne, N. Y., 132 pounds; Corporal LaVern Roach, Plainview, Texas, 147 pounds; Staff Sergeant Joe Mirageliotta, Charleston, W. Va., 157 pounds; Sergeant Ray Klingmeyer, 1259 James Street, Baltimore, Md., 142 pounds; Private First Class Eddie Martz, 1610 Potomac Avenue, S. E., Washington, D. C., 152 pounds; Sergeant Paul Ottavio, 406 Summers Street, Paterson, N. J., 168 pounds; Private First Class Tony Reilly, 4517 North Campbell Avenue, Chicago, Ill., 158; and Lt. D. H. Magill, Jr., Assistant Athletic Officer, of Athens, Ga.*

Since the first of the year, the Flying Leathernecks with their new and inexperienced men, have defeated the Quantico Marines three times, Camp Lejeune Marines once, and have won one, lost one and tied one with the strong Parris Island Marines.

The star of the team is Corporal LaVern Roach, 147 pounds, 19-year-old Marine from Plainview, Tex., who has a fine record to his credit since first donning the gloves at the tender age of

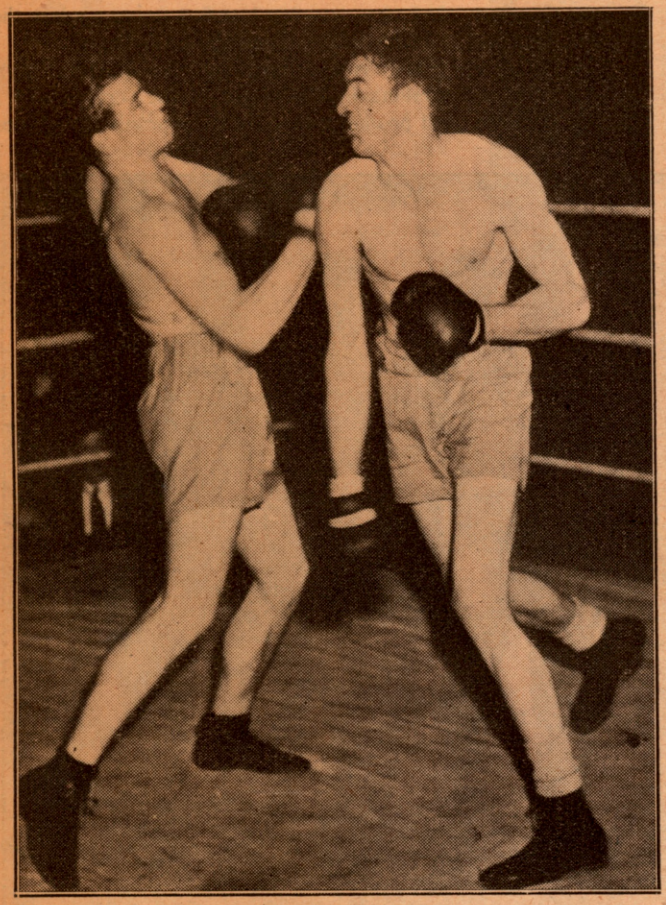
fast left jab and hook, along with a hard right. He is fast on his feet and has plenty of the stuff inside to make a great fighter."

Sergeant Ray Klingmeyer of Baltimore, Md., at 142 pounds, is a former champion in the amateur ranks, winning the lightweight title in the South Atlantic Tournament at Baltimore, Md., in 1941. Before entering the Marines he won forty bouts and lost ten. Ray has fought eight bouts *(Continued on page 38)*

# ICELANDERS QUICK TO ABSORB BOXING

*By* LT. DAVID ZINKOFF

BOXING in Iceland has taken a firm hold. The Americans, British and Canadians stationed at this northern base have planted the seeds and the natives have taken a grip which presages big things for the sport here after the war is over. Boxing has done much to foster good will, judging by the tremendous turnouts for our weekly smokers at which



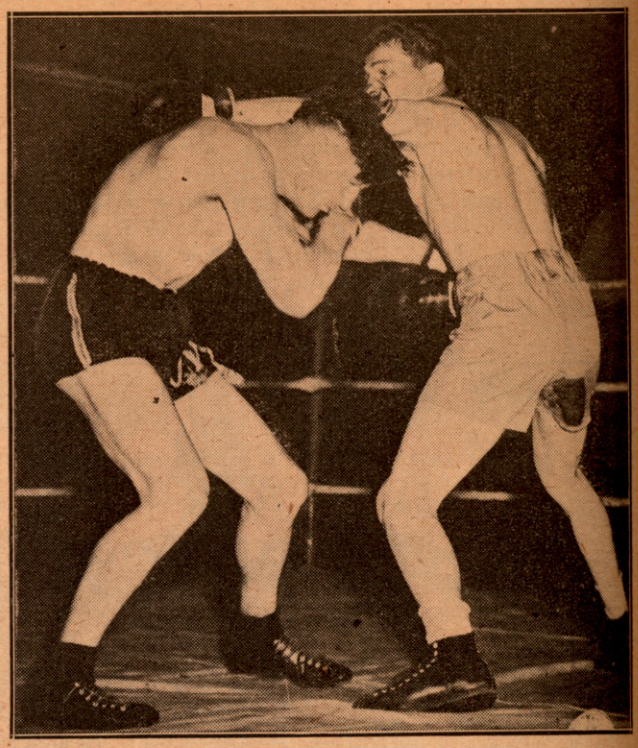
*Jack Bostock, Nottingham, Eng. (left), who lost to Corp. John Duncan, Youngstown, O. (right).*

the servicemen take part in several bouts and the natives, members of the Armann Sports Club, participate in others.

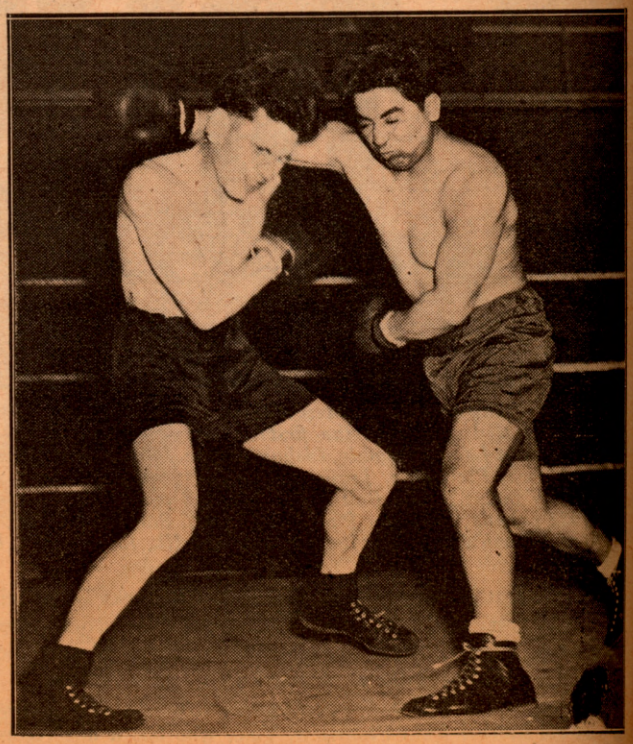
During the past month three shows were staged and not only were they well attended, but were high-lighted by clever and hard hitting contests that kept the gathering on edge. Our show on August 23 was a humdinger. It was a four star affair and we were forced to turn away hundreds, as the Andrews Field House where the bouts took place, was jammed to overflowing. The Royal Air Force, The Royal Navy, the Canadian Air Force and the Armann Sports Club of Reyjavik offered 100 percent cooperation to make the smoker the success it was.

The boys look forward monthly for the report of our doings and when THE RINGS arrive, thanks to the publisher who sends them to us gratis, they are fairly eaten alive. The books reach us in good condition and when the boys are finished reading them, the magazines have dog ears which is a tribute and high compliment to the publication.

Here are the results of the *(Continued on page 38)*



*Johnny Bigg, Newcastle, Eng. (left), and Pvt. Harding Montooth, Knoxville, Tenn. Montooth won.*



*Ed Loney, Londonderry, North Erie (left), who lost to Pvt. Louis Bennette, San Francisco, Cal. (right).*

# COAST GUARDSMEN TOUGH

*Competitive Sports, with Particular Attention to Boxing, Keep the Men in Prime Condition for the Hardships Encountered in Battle Zones*

*By* SEAMAN DICK L. BERNSTEIN

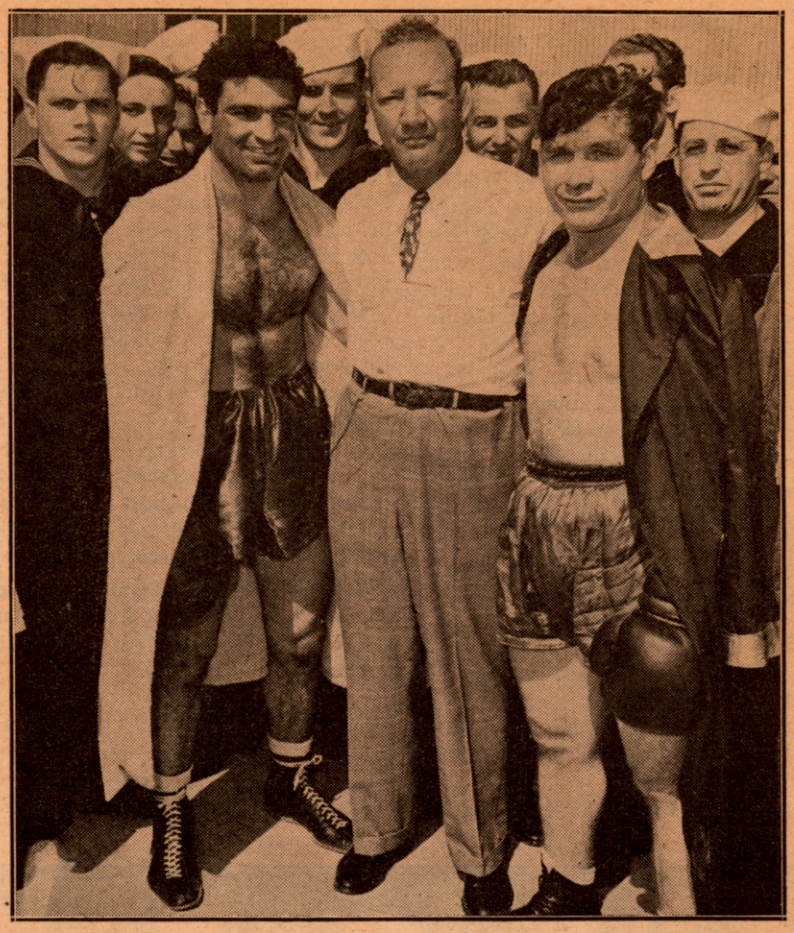
*(United States Coast Guard "Barracks Watch" Magazine)*

A LOT of good old ring "know-how" has helped many a Coast Guardsman outfox an enemy, who has been schooled in the art of war since infancy.

He has gained this thoroughness in attack and defense through competitive sports, especially boxing, which have taught him that it isn't the guy who knows where the "goods" are supposed to go that wins . . . it's the fellow who can deliver them.

Through 154 years of service, the United States Coast Guard has always demanded of its men a fine degree of fitness. It has learned that, no matter what the task, strength helps get it done the fastest.

An example of this "know-how," some call it "savvy," is quick thinking "Bo" Peterson, a flashy young lightweight, who explained ". . . My real name is 'Oliver' but I thought that 'Bo' looked better on the fight cards and it's my nickname."



*Coast Guard Heavyweight Pat Valentino poses with the Navy's top heavyweight, Tony Musto, prior to engaging in a bout at the station on the Pacific Coast. The man in the middle is Maxie Rosenbloom, former lightheavyweight king and now a night club owner and movie star.*

The blond-thatched Peterson has always fought when in tip-top shape. He has used his trimness to advantage in bouts with such grade A talent as Al Douglas and Pete Romero.

"Bo" has trained with such fistic favorites as Earl Turner and a heavyweight contender of note some months back, Connie Norden. His stablemate was another well-known heavy, Martin Goldberg. "Bo's" home port is San Francisco and many ringbirds still discuss his torrid service battles.

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SEAMAN BILLY NEVIS is still another fighter, now in the Coast Guard, who found that physical fitness was an asset. Billy learned that fact when he battled his way to the heavyweight crown in the much-publicized Gene Tunney Boxing Tourney, held some years back at the old Dreamland Auditorium in San Francisco. Nevis did quite a lot of training with Lou Nova.

Another lightweight in the 12th Naval District is tough 135-pound Charlie Spina, who is well remembered by Hoboken fans. Charlie was quite a favorite in the East. A rugged warrior, his smoothness and co-ordination, plus boxing skill, caught on with ring fans.

Big Paul Cavagnaro is a heavyweight with lots of class. A deadly puncher, Paul block-busted his way to the Hearst Diamond Belt title in his division a few years back. He stays in A-1 physical shape and as a result has shown himself to be among the best in Coast Guard boxing.

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QUITE a few Coast Guardsmen have used boxing as a conditioner. One of the better known ones is now at sea. He is Vic Grupico, a boxer of championship proportions, who has always favored exhibitions for their help to the ambitious young boxer. An exhibition bout often pits a more experienced boxer against a comer. In a case such as that, the experienced boxer gets a good workout and the learner some additional ring pointers.

Verne Bybee, a high caliber lightweight, boxed a hair-raising exhibition with shipmate Sammy Nagel, a middleweight. In this bout, it was clear to fans, that Bybee experimented with some new punches and Slugging Sammy, besides testing some notions of his own, gained some helpful ring knowledge that he could put into use in the future.

Pat Valentino has found that exhibitions keep him at razor edge. He boxed an exhibition with Tony Musto, once an opponent of Joe Louis. This meeting not only showed Pat what kind of shape he was in but also just what amount of ability a fighter must have to be a challenger for the world's heavyweight title. Scientific Joe Guzman has used his exhibitions to perfect his style. As a result he is one of the most crowd-pleasing boxers in the Coast Guard.

Coast Guardsmen know that a man in excellent condition is the toughest foe imaginable. They live true to their motto, "Semper Paratus," which means "Always Ready." You can't lick a guy that's ready, willing and able and, boy, don't the Nazis and the Japs know that now!

The Coast Guard is proud of the record of Lew Jenkins, former world lightweight champion who has been on active duty overseas for many months and has given a splendid account of himself. Lew, who had his boot training down at Norfolk, Virginia, was one of the first to reach the beach at Normandy. He has seen action on the French and the Mediterranean Coast in an invasion craft. He was at Tunisia, Salerno, Anzio, Italy, Normandy, Persia and India. The training he received in boxing has come in mighty handy in his work with an LST craft. They come no tougher than Jenkins.

# NAVY FIGHTERS COP MANY *GOLDEN GLOVE BELTS*

*By* HARRY DWYER, C.S.M., U.S.N

IT IS no wonder that the boxing fans on the Pacific Coast are loud in their praise of the sluggers carrying the colors of Treasure Island, for the man-made Islanders have come through with colors flying to cop six Pacific Coast amateur titles and hold nine championships.

Since 1942, when Chief "Ski" Dynkowski, former well-known Pacific Coast trainer and fight manager, took over the stable, the fisticuffers from the city by the Golden Gate have clouted their way into the hearts of the cauliflower followers, and now stand out as the leading band of leather-pushers. They have won several championships in northern California, and climaxed their long climb by taking top honors as team champions and were awarded the gold trophies.

The latest feat to be accomplished by the bluejacket pummeling parade was to take the Pacific Coast A.A.U. titles, and the Olympic Club of San Francisco blue ribbon events.

For a time, after he had returned from more than a year's duty in the South Pacific, Freddie "Red" Cochrane, the welterweight boxing champion, served as instructor to the boys who like to throw leather in the game of "duck and swing." Today the coaching is being done by Chief Specialist Max Marek, who holds a decision over the one and only Joe Louis.

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THE TREASURE ISLAND stable is made up of the following group of fighters:

Scott Chapman, lightheavyweight of Fostoria, Ohio, 1943 Olympic Club champion, and 1943 and 1944 finalist for the Pacific Coast championships.

James Alexander, of Mansfield, Ohio, is the 1943 Golden Gloves senior champion, and 1944 Pacific Coast A.A.U. champion.

George Teague, welterweight from Buffalo, N. Y., is the 1944 Pacific Coast A.A.U. champion and has lost one bout in 15 starts.

Emmanuel Cooper, welterweight from Harrisburg, Pa., reached the finals in the 1944 Pacific Coast A.A.U. bouts only to lose out to his shipmate George Teague.

Nathaniel Huskey, lightweight, of Detroit, Mich., has been acclaimed by all and sundry as one of the best lighties to show his wares on the Coast in over a decade. Only 20 years old, the auto city scrapper has crowded a lot of boxing experience into those short years, and has not been beaten in 25 bouts.

Huskey's list of championships include the 1943 Golden Gloves crown, and the 1944 A.A.U. championship, which he won in the early part of the season.

Charles Perkins of Ft. Wayne, Ind., holds the 1944 A.A.U. featherweight crown.

Others who make up the Treasure Island boxing team are Harold Fortner, heavyweight from Campbell, Ohio, who has met the best in his weight, and Fred Killingham, lightweight from St. Louis, Mo. Although not a titleholder, Killingham has shown much prowess in the manly art.

A recent addition to the Treasure Island stable is Harry Maronski, middleweight from Cleveland, Ohio, who has taken a decision over the 1944 A.A.U. champion, and who promises to become a fistic luminary.

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MORE than 1,000 ardent fight fans turned out at North Field, Newport Naval Training Center's fight club, to watch the pick of the Center's bluejackets vie with each other for honors in the leather-tossing business. *(Continued on page 31)*

*Treasure Island Champions, left to right, standing: George Teague, James Alexander, Harold Fortner, Scott Chapman, Chief Ski Dynkowski, CBM; Nathaniel Huskey, Emmanuel Cooper, Fred Killingham and Charles Perkins. Kneeling: T. Goldman, BM2/c; E. Balluomini, Sp (A)1/c, assistant trainers.*

# Southwest Pacific Outfit Boasts Many Star Amateurs and Pros

*By* Pvt. Jack Taylor

AN outfit that has more amateur and pro boxers in its midst than any other in this war, is that of the Forty-First Division somewhere in the Southwest Pacific. This outfit not only has been carrying on in boxing with considerable success but has been in the thick of the fighting against the Japs on more than one occasion. These lads, boxing enthusiasts who charge with guns and bayonets and when there is a chance for time out, don the gloves to engage in their favorite pastime, have carried off many pugilistic honors. Here are a few of those of the outfit who are well known in amateur and pro boxing circles in the States:

Tommy Moyer who fought Ray Robinson for the National A.A.U. title. Moyer was billed to fight Vic Patrick, Australian light- and welterweight champion but just before the day of the scheduled meeting, Moyer's outfit was sent back into action against the Japs and the bout was called off.

Ray Blumenauer, a middleweight who has fought the leading lads on the West Coast before joining the army.

Joe Palmer, a lightweight who was a favorite at the Hollywood Stadium. He holds the Division's lightweight title.

Lee Orry, middleweight well known on the Pacific Coast, fought in main events at the Legion Stadium in California.

John Rodriquez, lightweight, who also fought in California. He boxes much on the style of Henry Armstrong and is a favorite with the service men.

Louis De Couteau, lightweight, who has fought as an amateur in the Middle West. He won a title and fought in the National championships at Boston.

Al Rassmussen, lightweight. Al is only a preliminary boy but a crowd pleaser. He fought as a pro in the States.

James Eder, a lightweight, who fought as an amateur in the Mid-West and is the most popular boxer in the division. He is fast, has a splendid left and shuffles like Joe Louis. He is a fine prospect.

Ramon Jiminez, lightweight who fought around San Antonio, Texas.

Jack Swartz, a heavyweight who is new in the game, picked it as an army pastime and has gone so far that he now holds the Division's heavyweight crown.

Art Aguilar, a California State amateur champion. He lost the heavyweight division title to Swartz in their bout in Australia.

Jack Taylor, welterweight from Brooklyn. He fought for the First Avenue Boys' Club under Young Otto and is an excellent prospect. He comes from Brooklyn. Among the men he has met are Andrew Terra, Harold Oliver, Danny Bartfield, Ken Bushway, Frenchy La Marr, Buster Beaupre in the States and in Australia he has clashed with Lem Johnson, Reg Earle, the Australian army middleweight king, Harry Roe and Tommy Mitchell, Queensland middleweight champ.

And others are Melvin Cave, lightweight; Al Blylock, feather; Max Belton, welter; Leo Doubex, welter; Dean Wilson, light-heavyweight; Jack Anderson, light-heavyweight and Dale Meany, light-heavyweight.

## NAVY FIGHTERS COP MANY GOLDEN GLOVE BELTS

(*Continued from page* 30)

Three corking wrestling bouts opened the program, and five well-rounded punching contests climaxed a successful evening's entertainment for the fans. CSp(A) Ray Bowen, former popular leather-pusher of a few years back, staged the program which was a success from start to finish.

A middleweight wrestling bout between Dick Whitter of Huntington, Pa., and Joe Corso opened the program with both grapplers sweating it out to a draw after tossing each other all about the ring.

Jimmie Jandrews of Atlanta, Ga., took six minutes to pin the shoulders of Dick Boone, of Reading, Pa., to the mat in a battle of holds.

In the final wrestling match on the program, Eddie Fielder, lightheavyweight of San Francisco and Bill Hammer of Los Angeles, battled to a draw in their match which drew the plaudits of the crowd. Both grapplers were experienced men and gave the crowd a good run for their money.

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THE opening bout in the boxing program was an exhibition bout which saw Bob Nesbit, lightweight, of Greenburg, Pa., and Fred Zimmerman of Astoria, N. Y., tangle with the gloves. It was a good bout and the fans went for it.

Smiley Wulford, middleweight, of Brooklyn, N. Y., met a tough customer in Llewelyn Dickenson, of Nepit, Wis., and the bout wound up in a toe-to-toe slugging match with Dickenson getting the win.

Two Brooklyn lads furnished the fireworks in the welterweight scrap when Andy Triana and Doug Miller went to the post, with Triana taking the win.

In one of the liveliest bouts on the program Harry Cohen, of Philadelphia, Pa., won a well-earned decision over John Harris, of Burlington, N. J.

Closing the show were a pair of scrappers who did not know the meaning of the word stop. Bronson Tufts, of Chadford, Pa., went at Eddie Rosenstengel, of Brooklyn, N. Y., hammer and tongs, using his well-timed wallop to deliver the goods and the decision.

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COMBINING a feature wrestling match as the main drawing card, the sport fans at the Naval Training Center at San Diego, Calif., saw their heavyweight wrestling champion, Sam Posner, retain his grip on the title when he disposed of Carl Schlick, grunt and groan artist, hailing from Tulsa, Okla.

On the boxing card, a nine-bout event added luster to the already brilliant smoker. Two knockouts and two draws dotted the program, while the other five finished over the decision route. In the main event, heavyweight Chuck Ipley, of Texarkana, Tex., kayoed Neal Tadler, of Long Beach, Calif., when he turned loose a barrage of powerful rights in the opening round.

D. L. Petigrew, of Clovis, N. M., and Stan Bosch, of Smith Flat, Calif., battled to a draw.

Bob Seymour, of Los Angeles, decisioned Dave Fierro, of Los Angeles, Calif.

Joe Herbert, of St. Francesville, La., won over Bill Bailey, of Anchorage, Alaska.

Bob Swartz, of Highland Park, Calif., took the nod over Joe Watson, of Oakland, Calif.

Johnny Jardine, of Pasa Robles, Calif., and Bill Dunn, of Portland, Ore., fought to a draw.

Ralph Sistrunk, of St. Francesville, La., dropped Paul Virgagamo, of Houston, Tex.

Bill Elam, of Madero, Calif., took the call over Sy Armstrong, of Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Sal Loyacano, of New Orleans, La., won over Julian Lopez, of Los Angeles.

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IN the first of the wrestling tournaments held at the San Diego Naval Center, wrestlers carrying the banner of the Torpedo School, romped home with first place to capture the crowns in the Commanding Officer's Cup event.

S. Mader, former champion of New Jersey, captured the heavyweight crown.

V. Sliskovich, of San Pedro, Calif., captured the lightheavy title.

The 165-pound title went to C. C. Lugenbuehl, of Los Angeles.

S. M. Rose, of Los Angeles, won the 155-pound event.

The welterweight titleholder is S. C. Huelett, of Gotebo, Okla.

J. W. Marks, of Edmonds, Okla., won the lightweight crown, and R. E. Kirby, of Dallas, Tex., won the featherweight crown.

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# KEESLER FIELD ARMY'S CENTER *of* BOXING

DUTY hours at Keesler Field, AAF Training Command station, in Mississippi, call for adherence to the military set of General Orders and the Soldier's Manual, but the leading off-duty athletic pastime at this basic training center and home of B-24 Liberator mechanics follows the rules set down by the Marquis of Queensberry. For here, as at other Training Command schools from Coast-to-Coast, men of the AAF are toughening their muscles in a comprehensive program of competitive sports to ready themselves physically for the fight against Axis bullies. They are learning to use their fists, as well as their brains and Uncle Sam's planes, to beat a victory-tattoo against the military chins of Hitler and Hirohito.

The current weekly boxing shows are a far cry from the initial tournament for G.I.'s. It was held on the night of Feb. 19, 1942, in a recreation hall jammed with 400 spectators. From these humble beginnings, with no equipment or facilities to spare, has developed one of the AAF's top boxing programs.

If turnstiles had been used since the inauguration of the program, they would have clicked almost half-a-million times with passing soldier-fight fans who have watched approximately 1,500 bouts.

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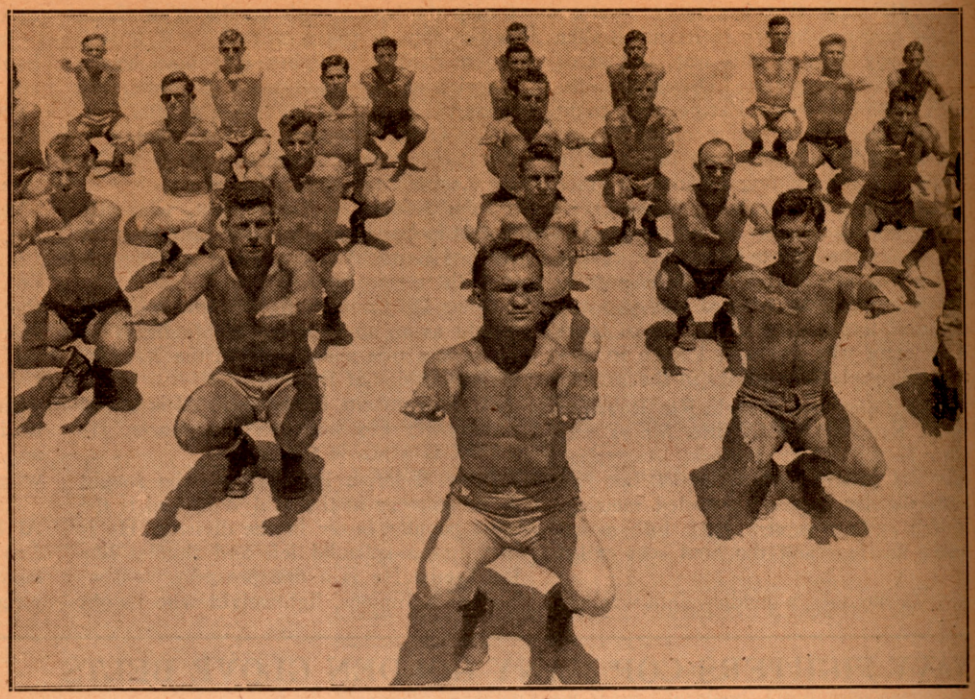

*"Exercise position, Move I"—and Fritzie Zivic sets the pace in his calisthenic class during basic training at Keesler Field. Fritzie often boxed before gatherings of 6000 or more at this field.*

*Pvt. Bob Montgomery, claimant to world lightweight honors, just off duty, working out at Keesler Field when the above was taken. The Philadelphia Bobcat recently fought Pvt. Beau Jack in a show at Madison Square Garden that drew almost $36,000,000 in War Bonds.*

BOXING has been the top sport on Keesler Field's athletic curriculum at least from the spectator viewpoint, since the mitt game has entertained more enlisted men, not to mention officers, than has any other sport. In addition to the 3,000 participants in the post shows, thousands more have taken some type of voluntary boxing training in unit areas where equipment is available.

Quite unintentionally, the induction centers which supply Keesler Field with new soldier material, have showered this Gulf Coast camp with a goodly supply of professional ringmen, who as civilians toured the bread-and-butter circuits of squared circle employment, many of them to world titles. Among boxers who have been stationed at Keesler Field are Bob Montgomery, Fritzie Zivic, Jimmy Bivins, Pete Lello, Gib Black, Benny Montabanno, Tiger Flowers, Thurston McKinney, Phil Furr, and Irish Johnny Taylor.

Additional impetus to the sport has been given by personal appearances of two of boxing's most famous names, Joe Louis and Sammy Angott. The Army sergeant and world's heavyweight champ toured the field's hospital wards, spoke to throngs, and clouted two opponents in a pair of two-round exhibition bouts that climaxed his December, 1943, whirlwind trip. Angott made a trip from New Orleans a few nights before his September, 1943, fight with Aldo Spoldi at the Crescent City. In his Keesler appearance the former light-

*Pvt. Jimmy Bivins, Cleveland heavyweight, left several marks for which Keesler Field will remember him, among them his initials on a telephone pole when he left for another camp.*

weight champion officiated at several fights on one of the regular Thursday night shows.

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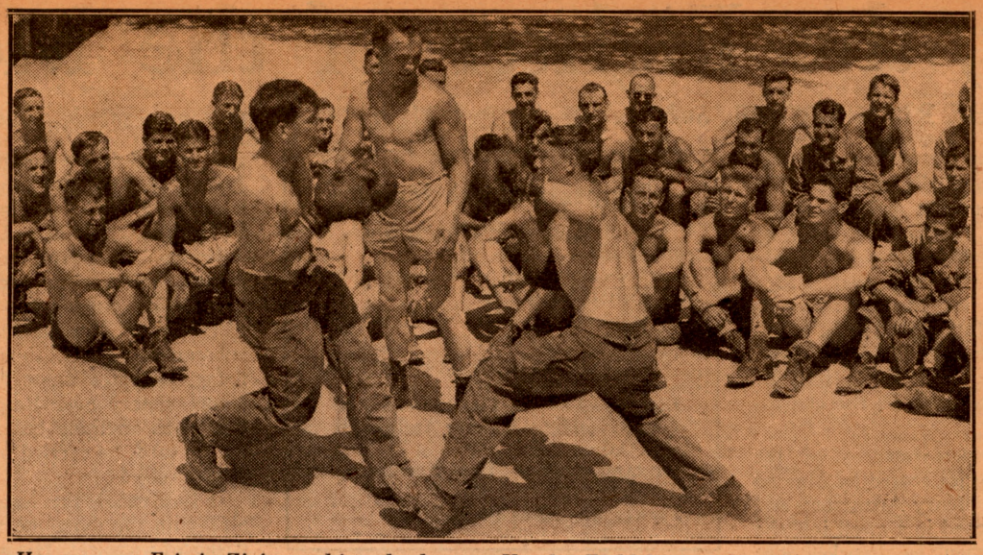
FOR their national contribution, in addition to conditioning the contestants and pleasing the spectators on the post, Keesler Field boxers are responsible for War Bond sales totaling $36,656,691.25! Four shows, all with bonds as ducats for admission, contributed to the ten-digit total.



*Here we see Fritzie Zivic teaching the boys at Keesler Field how to box. The former welter king was a popular soldier at Keesler and is now in Texas.*

Pvt. Bob Montgomery, although he lost his fight against Beau Jack recently in Madison Square Garden, contributed the greatest effort when Keesler Field sent its basic trainee and New York lightweight champion to the Gotham fight house to help draw a record gate of $35,864,900 in a non-title ten-round go with Pvt. Sidney (The Beau) Walker, Fort Benning, Ga., basic soldier.

Rated second in Keesler's boxing contribution to bond sales is Pvt. Fritzie Zivic, former world's welterweight champ who also took his basic at the Biloxi camp. Zivic got a short leave during his Keesler stay to rush to his Pittsburgh, Pa., home for a fight-bond show. Although outranked by Capt. Jimmy Braddock, Lt. Benny Leonard, and Cpl. Billy Conn, who also were on the program, the Keesler private stole salesmanship honors by personally selling $75,000 in bonds with a brief speech from the ring, and then, just before his departure to return to camp, he added a $5,000 bond to his sales list.

Two war bond shows have been conducted by post personnel as part of the weekly boxing programs. The first was held January 13, 1943, and drew a total of $231,791 to help pay the cost of the war. The second, even more successful, was held on the night of July 6, this year, and it drew a "gate" of $480,000 before more than 6,500 paying fans.

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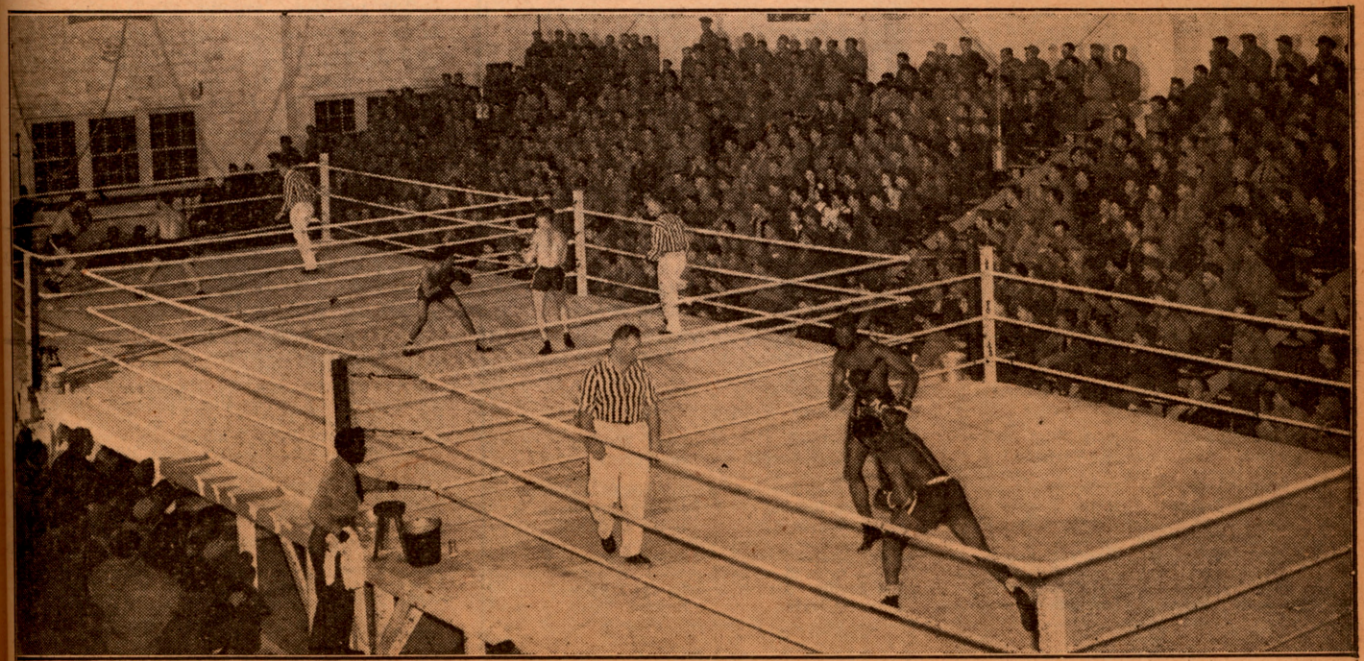
SINCE the beginning of boxing on the post more than two years ago, facilities have grown to match the best gathering of equipment in the world. Two large gymnasiums, open ten hours each day to all enlisted personnel, are completely equipped with rings, light and heavy bags, training gloves, and sundry other paraphernalia. Each unit of men has its own training area with complete equipment. During the warmer months the outdoor arena is equipped to handle crowds of 8,000 and during the last winter an indoor "Garden" accommodated over 2,000 weekly.

A typical Thursday night show starts at 8 o'clock after a 15-minute program of singing or musical selections by the post band. Dimming of the outer-area lights reveals a soldier-announcer in the ring. Over the public address system his "Attention, please" booms much the same as it might in the Polo Grounds. The judges, timekeeper, medical examiner, and referee are introduced, and then follows approximately ten bouts. All weight divisions are represented by champions, and to each winner of a title bout is awarded a gold miniature glove.

Each show honors an outstanding contestant, the one who displays the best courage, ability, and sportsmanship. To him, selected by a committee of enlisted men chosen at the ringside, the Athletic Department awards a boxing robe of AAF blue and gold colors. Equipment, toilet articles, and post exchange certificates also have been among prizes.

In addition to many novice battlers who have learned their boxing "ABC's" in the Keesler Field ring, many veterans have contributed to the Thursday night programs. *(Continued on page 36)*



*A "three ring circus" at Keesler Field, where G.I. fans watched the boys participate in the Army's Golden Gloves tourney. Three hours of action kept the soldiers on edge at the popular Mississippi camp.*

# Ortiz, the Fighter of the Month

By THE RING EDITOR. *Substituting for* Pvt. Meyer Ackerman *now serving overseas*

THE month of August and the early part of September were the most inactive periods for boxing of the entire summer. In the heavyweight section only one bout of any importance took place with Buddy Walker scoring a knockout over Harry Bobo, who only a few months ago was designated by the Maryland Boxing Commission as the "duration heavyweight king." That kayo is ample proof of the folly of handing out phony titles while the champs are in the service.

The outstanding performances of the month were the victories scored by Manuel Ortiz, Ike Williams, Henry Armstrong and Willie Pep. Ortiz turned in a swell job, the best of the lot, when he knocked out Enrique Bolanos in the sixth round in an overweight match. Bolanos was one of the ten ranking featherweights. Pep, in an overweight contest, won all the way from Joey Peralta. Ike Williams, after receiving word of his induction, tackled Jimmy Hatcher from whom he won in ten rounds and then repeated his victory, a disputed one again, over Sammy Angott in ten.

Armstrong, in another of his many fights with Willie Joyce, carried off the honors in a hotly contested affair.

The activities in the bantam- and flyweight division, as in past months, was extremely light.

### Prospects of the Month

**Heavyweight — Johnny Haynes, Detroit, Mich.**
**Light-heavyweight — Booker Robertson, Philadelphia, Pa.**
**Middleweight—Billy Smith, Los Angeles, Cal.**
**Welterweight—Larry Villeneuve, Berlin, N. H.**
**Lightweight—Vic Costa, Bronx, N. Y.**
**Featherweight—Manuel Anduha, Honolulu, Oahu, T.H.**
**Bantamweight — Pee Wee Swingler, California.**
**Flyweight—None available.**

Boxing in general was of a poor quality throughout the summer, but more so during the four weeks preceding this writing. With more and more of the youngsters getting into the armed forces, the promoters have been forced to use veterans most of whom should have been kept in retirement or discharged servicemen who are to a large extent unfit to engage in tough bouts. A few, like Georgie Kochan and Cocoa Kid, are rapidly rounding into their former form and should prove their worth. Ken Overlin, who did considerable work in boxing as an instructor in the Navy, is now a civilian and started his comeback with a victory. But those who saw him say he lacks the necessary vim, at this stage of his career, to repeat his fine record of the past.

Jimmy McDaniels, the Coast welter who gained a sensational kayo over Aaron Perry the previous month, has failed to prove his worth as an outstanding welterweight in subsequent battles, though as fighters go today, he rates among the first ten. His recent victory over Ralph Zannelli, a veteran, was anything but impressive, though on my card, he carried off the honors eight to two rounds.

Billy Arnold, the Negro from Philadelphia with the dynamite fists, continued his string of victories. His sensational kayo of Tony Reno on the McDaniels-Zannelli card, was the evening's best performance. All he needs to be rated is a victory over one of the outstanding welters.

Those dropped from this month's ratings are Jimmy O'Brien, light-heavy; Aaron Perry and Frankie Wills from the welters. Enrique Bolanos from the feathers; Jorge Robles, bantam and Stumpy Buttwell from the flyweights.

Buddy Walker leaped into sixth place in the heavyweight ranks; Alabama Kid got a hold on second in the light-heavies and Ken Overlin joined that group. Georgie Kochan advanced to sixth place.

Cocoa Kid got back in the middleweight ratings and Jake LaMotta, because of his inactivity, now holds on to eighth place by the skin of his teeth.

Armstrong again heads the welters, inactivity causing Tippy Larkin to drop a peg. Bee Bee Wright gained a few rungs and Freddie Archer and McDaniels entered the select circles.

Willie Joyce, despite his defeat by Armstrong in an overweight match, regained a post among the lightweights and Ike Williams jumped up from fifth to third.

Al Phillips and Nel Tarleton gained better positions among the feathers and Harry Jeffra rejoined the group among the ranking boys. Luis Castillo's victory over Olivera earned him top challenger's post among the bantams and Chico Rosa, Hawaiian champ, joined the select circles.

Norman Lewis continues as the best of the flyweight challengers.

Here are the results of the month in each division up to August 10:

Heavyweight bouts follow: Buddy Walker knocked out Harry Bobo, 1. Laurient Bouchard knocked out Gil Stromquist, 2; licked Henry Cooper, 10, then drew with Al Stephany, 10. Johnny Fulton stopped Leroy Bethel, 3. Johnny Haynes knocked out Al Ware, 2, then again in 5. Ware drew with Domingo Valin, 8. Henry Jones defeated Jackie Saunders, 8.

Ralph DeJohn won the Hawaiian heavyweight championship by licking Big Bill Lewis, 10. Rocky Rios decisioned Pete Louthis, 4. Blondy Frank Thomas stopped Billy Williams, 1; Vince Aruma, 1; Freddie Schott, unbeaten, beat Billy Brant, 8, and knocked out Danny Cox, 4. Nolan Sharpe stopped Otis Thomas, 2, drew with Steve Ludman, 6, Bill Peterson decisioned Frankie Androff, 8.

Jack Marshall finished Jimmy Carollo, 2. Carollo licked J. D. Turner. Al Blake flattened Eddie Horton, 1. Domingo Valin drew with Al Laboa, 6, and stopped Al Sheridan, 8. Earl Washington knocked out Everett Jackson, 4. Jimmy Bell stopped Eddie Matthews, 4. Johnny Flanagan halted Vecie Van, 1. Johnny Flynn upset the favored Larry Lane, 10, then beat Sgt. Tommy Gomez, 6.

Soldier Jones won from Frankie Rose, 4. Carrington McNutt licked Nick Manfredo. 4. Johnny

## "THE RING'S" RATINGS FOR THE MONTH

Ending August 10, 1944

*All inactive fighters who hitherto have been rated but are now in our armed forces have been removed for the duration two months after their induction. When they resume boxing they will be placed again in the high position they have hitherto occupied. Only active fighters, service men and civilian boxers, will be rated monthly. In our ratings, the position of champions now in the service of Uncle Sam are frozen for the duration.*

| Heavyweights (Over 175 pounds) | Light-Heavyweights (Not exceeding 175 pounds) | Middleweights (Not exceeding 160 pounds) | Welterweights (Not exceeding 147 pounds) |
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| World's Champion *Joe Louis U. S. Army | World's Champion *Gus Lesnevich U. S. Coast Guard | World's Champion *Tony Zale U. S. Navy | World's Champion *Freddie Cochrane U. S. Navy |
| 1—Joe Baksi | Lloyd Marshall | Holman Williams | Henry Armstrong |
| 2—Melio Bettina | Alabama Kid | Charley Burley | Tippy Larkin |
| 3—Lee Q. Murray | Fitzie Fitzpatrick | Vince Hawkins | Arthur Danahar |
| 4—Tami Mauriello | Freddie Mills | Jose Basora | Bee Bee Wright |
| 5—Lee Oma | Jack Johnson | Joe Carter | Sammy Angott |
| 6—Buddy Walker | Georgie Kochan | Berlie Lanier | Johnny Greco |
| 7—Lou Nova | Bruce Woodcock | Coley Welch | Jimmy McDaniels |
| 8—Curtis Sheppard | Ken Overlin | Jake LaMotta | Harold Green |
| 9—Turkey Thompson | Bob Garner | Joe Reddick | Rocky Graziano |
| 10—Joey Maxim | Tiger Jack Fox | Cocoa Kid | Freddie Archer |

| Lightweights (Not exceeding 135 pounds) | Featherweights (Not exceeding 126 pounds) | Bantamweights (Not exceeding 118 pounds) | Flyweights (Not exceeding 112 pounds) |
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| World's Champion International Title Vacant | World's Champion Willie Pep | World's Champion Manuel Ortiz | World's Champion Jackie Paterson |
| 1—Beau Jack | Chalky Wright | Luis Castillo | Norman Lewis |
| 2—Bob Montgomery | Sal Bartola | Tony Olivera | Georgie Parkes |
| 3—Ike Williams | Al Phillips | Rush Dalma | Dado Marino |
| 4—Johnny Thomas | Nel Tarleton | David Kui Kong Young | Joe Curran |
| 5—Juan Zurita | Pedro Hernandez | Sam Reynolds | Tommy Plowright |
| 6—Ronnie James | Willie Roache | Ceferino Robleto | Johnny Summers |
| 7—Freddie Dawson | Charley Cabey Lewis | Benny Goldberg | Hugh Cameron |
| 8—Dave Castilloux | Harry Jeffra | Chico Rosa | Alec Murphy |
| 9—Willie Joyce | Phil Terranova | Jim Brady | Larry Torpey |
| 10—Slugger White | Len Davies | Ronnie Clayton | Seaman Terry Allen |

*Indicates title frozen for duration of the war—in war service.

White halted Lafayette Williams, 1. Whitey Clark stopped Jerry Zeller, 1.

Maynard Jones flattened Edward (Biggie) Lewis, 3. Battling Colima won on a foul over Lorenzo Strickland, 2. Herb Jones lost to Tom Woodard, 5, then drew with Allen Small, 5.

Colion Chaney halted Ed Young, 4, Art McWhorter, 7. Lad Ellison stopped Robert Solmitio, 2. Clayton Worlds defeated Tiger Jim Sheppard, 10. Dixie Oliver licked Mose Thomas, 6. Louis Long flattened Steve Collucci, 2.

The light-heavyweight contests were: Bruce Woodcock knocked out Joe Quigley, 2. Jimmy O'Brien halted George Higgs, 2, defeated heavyweight Clarence Brown, 10, Tony Gillo, 8. Alabama Kid kayoed Les McNab, 8. Jack Johnson stopped Alf Stanton, 3. Billy Grant put away Al Johnson, 2. Fitzie Fitzpatrick licked Watson Jones, 10. George Kochan trimmed Deacon Logan, 8. Joe Kahut retained his Northwestern light-heavyweight title by knocking out Verne Earling, 11.

Bert Beckett stopped Leon Winston, 3. Ray Acosta halted Leonard Nix, 1. Roosevelt Thomas again defeated Charley Jones, 6, stopped Johnny Davis, 2. George El Paso won from Charley Polk, 4. Ross Pippett licked Alec Stanton, 10, then again in 12.

Jim Gray drew with Max Cameron, 12. Jack Young stopped Stoker Berry, 6. Jim Grinnage licked Walter Thomas, 10. Bill Deering halted Tommy Russell, 1. Booker Robertson stopped Joe Fredericks, 5. Don Conway knocked out Jack Hawkins, 3. Lee Jackson put away Al Green, 4.

Waddell Washington won from Charley Bachofen, 6, and stopped Sam Shumway in 3. Leonard Mitchell went to a draw with Jim Erwin, 4. Ken Overlin boxed his way to a decision win over John Donnelly, 10. Hank Flori knocked out Fred Kojer, 4.

Frisco James stopped Benny Wilson, 1. Al Savidan put away Ace Spates, 4. Tommy Woodard beat Herb Jones, 5. Teddy Randolph put away Clarence Brown, 7. Bob Jacobs turned the tables on Tee Hubert, licking Tee in 8. Oscar Goode trounced Newton Smith, 8. Jackie Murray decisioned Danny Risko, 6. Al Carpenter halted Eddie Sylvia, 1. Buddy Thomas flattened Jimmy Webb, 7. Ross Strickland outpointed Reidy Evans, 8.

Here are the middleweight tilts: Joe Carter licked Bob Wade, 10, Charley Jones, 10, Joe Reddick, 10. Bob Wade beat Langston Dennis, 8. Artie Levine whipped Ray Rovelli, 8. Vince Hawkins stopped Jack Moran, 4.

Vic Dellicurti finished even with Johnny Walker, 10. Berlie Lanier drew with Coley Welch, 10. Cocoa Kid halted Billy Campanelli, 1.

Jose Basora finished off Ossie Harris, 4. Charley Burley flattened Gene Buffalo, 5. Jack Chase flattened Larry Anzalone, 1. Izzy Jannazzo put the finish over on Barney Moore, 5.

Al Harrison knocked out George Red Doty, 4, but was knocked out by Frankie Jamison, 8. Henry Anderko drew with Jimmy McElroy, 4, but lost to Delmar Gruhart, 6. Dave Sands defeated Bobby Coghlan, 12, kayoed Dal Conway, 4. Jack Kirkham licked Jack Young, 15. Reuben Flores stopped Eugene O'Brien, 2.

Billy Smith defeated Charley Catos, 8, Jack McBride, 4, kayoed R. J. Lewis, 3. Jack McBride licked Lefty Kovne, 4. Jackie Murray knocked out Artie Lampert, 2. John J. Finney stopped Neal Stokes, 5. Ron Walsh beat Tiger Williams, 8. Jerry Dwyer flattened Bill Walsh, 3, Walsh knocked out Ron Stewart, 1. Bobby Giles halted Benny McCombs, 3, McCombs licked Giles in a return match in 10, then halted Johnny Lawer, 6.

Reedy Evans licked Billy Campanelli, 6, stopped Jerry LaStarza, 4. J. C. Wilkins beat Danny Aldrich, 8, kayoed Johnny Owens, 1. Ted Gordon defeated Dave Carver, 6, Ernest Barnwell, 6. Tommy Colteaux stopped Cliff Bowen, 7. Ray Dunn licked Ron Stewart, 4. Bert Gilroy defeated Glen Moody, 10.

Mario Miscelli knocked out Milton Skyers, 2. Rudy Richardson defeated Frankie Wills, 10. Saint Paul licked Whitey Cozy, 4, kayoed Al Lemire, 3, licked Carl Schultz, 4. Al Lemire won from Speedy Baker, 4. Johnny Carter won from Deacon Logan, 10.

Larry Fontana triumphed over Coolidge Miller, 10. Charley Pope flattened Frank Gaffney, 3. Johnny Parr stopped Al Marquez, 2, defeated Al Hallie, 4. Roy Miller halted Calvin Johnson, 1, Bobby Castro, 5.

Walter "Popeye" Woods finished Joe Thomas, 1. Jack Kirkham stopped Bob Millick, 2. Doug Brown put away Tiger Williams, 5. Ern Clingan defeated Al Walker, 12. Lou Angelucci licked Charley Wells, 8.

Walter Cunningham knocked out Frankie Francis, 1, licked Vic Chambers, 4. Bee Bee Washington won from Billy White, 6. Jerry Fiorello held Marvin Bryant even in 8. Jimmy Fox decisioned Johnny Morrow, 4.

Paulie Peters stopped LeRoy Wade, 3, Wade also lost to Leroy Bolden, 8. Joe Mulli knocked out Johnny Rudd, 1. Otto Blackwell flattened Reecy Davis, 5. Henry Hall defeated Eddie Jackson, 10. Billy Heeps won from Bob Clark, 4.

Jimmy Willis stopped Ike Powers, 2, then outfought Sid Silas, 6. Kenny Watkins won over Sgt. Gaston Miller, 10. Roy McQueen drew with Buddy Souza, 4. Leroy Pate flattened Fred Kojer, 3.

Billy O'Connor won on a foul from Johnny Fry, 3 (Fry was disqualified for holding). Leroy Jeffries kayoed Bobby Montoya, 4. Fred Bailey knocked out Mike Edwards, 3, then lost to Bob Linn, 4. Tito Taylor halted Bud Hershey, 6.

Tiger Jimmy Kiggins won over Ray Clark, 4, then lost to James Sherron, 5. Arnold Deer defeated Jim Crowe, 6, drew with Billy Parsons, 5, won from Frankie Rand, 5. Rand decisioned Frank Pomeroy, 4. Larry Pacino flattened Tom Collins, 5.

Sampson Powell halted Stoney Lewis, 4. Frankie Angustain stopped Lane Hale, 6. Willie Collins decisioned Alonzo Williams, 4. Billy Fox continued his kayo streak at the expense of Rocky Luciano, 2.

Vern Heinrich defeated George Unwin, 15. Alan Westbury halted Young Frisco, 8. Bob Clark put away George Kid Delaney, 3. Eddie Saunders whipped Howard Burton, 6. Al Shepherd kayoed Jimmy Garritty, 3. Ben Johnson decisioned Walter Brady, 6.

Ray Powell retained the middleweight title of Hawaii by defeating Phil Furr, 10, Boyo Mallin outpointed Gustav Elder, 8. Johnny Taylor drew with Fred Patterson, 4. Joe Doherty knocked out Tommy Mitchell, 2. Ern Clingan defeated Ken Peterson, 12. Colin Hoddy drew with Jack Kirkham, 15. Frank Duff licked Tom Laming, 12. Johnny Wilson stopped Billy Adams, 1.

The welterweights fared as follows: Johnny Greco knocked out Ernest Cat Robinson, 4, Phil Enzenga, 3. Bert Lytell licked Bob Wade, 10 (twice). Jimmy McDaniels put the kibosh on Aaron Perry in four rounds and beat Ralph Zannelli in 10.

Henry Armstrong staged a sensational finish to eke out a win over Willie Joyce, 10. Harold Green stopped Al Evans, 4. Bee Bee Wright flattened Nick Latsios, 8. Billy Arnold stopped Tony Reno in the second.

Georgie Williams decisioned Henry Jordan, 6. Jerome Pratt defeated Johnny Ditto, 6. Charley Milan halted Lou Phillips, 3, and beat Jimmy McElroy, 4. Roy Peterson stopped Felix Morales, 2, but was stopped by Joe Curcio in 2. Curcio beat Johnny Green, 8. Green won from Tony Reno, 6. Peterson whipped Sidney Miller, 8.

Sandy Mack knocked out Gene Brown, 5. Mack was stopped by Kenny James, 6. Charley Early licked Pedro Jiminez, 4, Billy Harrison, 4. Val Mejia stopped Al Tucker, 1. Whitey Cozy drew with Al Lemire, 4.

Ceferino Bronco licked Billy Campanelli, 6, drew with Joe Gillis, 6. Gillis whipped Gene Margarida, 6. Gene Boulden stopped Yankee Dooley, 2. Jimmy Reeves halted Grover Lewis, 1, beat Eddie Smith, 4. Skippy Larkin knocked out Mike Powell, 2. Eddie Collins put away Joe Quinn, 1. Pvt. Eddie Sulk stopped Kid Williams, 4. Ron Heron defeated Jack Daniels, 12.

Danny Kapilow easily won from George Red Doty, 6. Doty licked Sid Miller, 8. Kapilow knocked out Leroy Saunders, 3. Doty knocked out Leroy Saunders, 2. Cy Perkins drew with Cal Douglas, 4. Burl Charity stopped Ralph Deans, 1. Willie Smith halted Frankie Leonard, 3, then was licked by Fernand Demers, 6.

Frankie Daniels drew with Jimmy Mills, 6, also drew with Jimmy Mason, 6, then whipped Billy Kearns, 6. Johnny Assay defeated Leroy Trammell, 6. Jimmy Davis licked Nate Hutchins, 4. Freddie Dixon knocked out Ben Evans, 1. Evans lost to Jackie Ryan, 10.

Jackie Ryan won from Lepp Webster, 10. Jimmy Collins stopped Pedro Jiminez, 3. Hal Allbritton finished Kid Willis, 2. Tommy Burns knocked out Carl Dell, 5. Max Brander flattened Bill Murphy, 2.

Jacob Besselman defeated Kid Williams, 4. Paulie Wilson trounced Billy Hayes, 4. Phil Palmer knocked out Stanley Miller, 7, Jimmy Davis, 3, licked Mayhew Smith, 6. Jimmy Hunt defeated Tommy James, 8.

Tony Riccio outfought Joe Matone, 10. Jackie Connors decisioned Leon Kennedy, 6. Freddie Sammons licked Benny Jeffries, 8. Ernie Forte knocked out Frankie Ross, 3. Len Clover won from Bill Gleeson, 4. Len Fay defeated Young Jocker, 6, lost to Sel Hamilton, 8, then defeated Keith Johnson, 8.

Keith Johnson stopped Pete George, 4, beat Wally Burns, 6, and Billy Ward in 6. Cyril Gallie put away Harry Lazar, 8. Cyril Wills finished George Henley, 3. Bobby Ramsay halted Jack Crossley, 3.

Dick Shields decisioned Frank Gilloley, 10. Billy McCarthy won on a foul from Jim McClean, 7. Sam Doug Carter finished Angelo Meola, 4, licked Mike Lucas, 6, won from Ballesandro Carubia, 6. Mike Lucas stopped Johnny Marra, 3, halted Johnny Dougwillow, 5.

Freddie Archer decisioned Sammy Daniels, 10, stopped Charley Sabatelle, 6. Alex Doyle drew with Lew Perez, 6. Jack Walls decisioned Chick Laws, 4, knocked out Wilford Scott, 3, then Walls was stopped by Tito Despaigne, 1. Jimmy Williams stopped Al Fernandez, 2.

Billy Parsons drew with Robert Fowler, 6. Fowler drew with Charley Pope, 4. Parsons kayoed Cpl. Jerry Kiger, 5. Danny Martin knocked out Mayhew Smith, 5. Jackie Ryan drew with Chino Rodriguez, 6. Mickey Gimbel licked Pedro Jiminez, 6. Billy Nixon flattened Joey Gambaro, 1, beat George Williams, 6.

McCoy Jones outpointed Mike DeStephano, 8. Tony Gargano whipped Joe Fernandez, 6 (twice), kayoed Walter De Palma, 1. Billy Alvarez stopped Nick Restano, 2. Phil Carroza halted Red Fees, 3.

Jim Crowe knocked out Henry Pomeroy, 3, then lost to Jerry Pittro, 8, won from Bill Jennings, 4, lost to Arnold Deer, 6, beat Roland Hopp, 6. Pittro also licked Bill Jennings, 6. Vincent LaSalva defeated Art Saulgiber, 4, Enrico Chico, 4, Willie Scott, 6. Gene Margarida drew with Dave Carver, 8. Bill Fadden won on a foul from Tom Ward, 5. James Jones stopped George Abel, 3.

Al Johnson won on a foul over Jack Samuels, 4. Ralph Deans licked Lew Perez, 4. Jack Patton stopped Walter Brady, 4.

Joe Ybarra returned to the wars to lick Lepp Webster, 6. Charley Watkins decisioned Russ Hawkins, 4, kayoed Fernand Demers, 2, Russ Hawkins knocked out Patsy Zoccano, 4. Ernie Kapps licked Dave Carver, 6. Robert Earl surprised by winning over Charley Parham, 10. Oscar Suggs accounted for Gene Boulden, 6.

Val Mejia kayoed Norman Logan, 2. Pete Viratos drew with Lincoln Stanley, 6. Irving Palefsky defeated Eddie Moore, 6. Jimmy Cartelli licked Lew Spurdis, 4. Bobby Brady drew with Ellsworth Simley, 4. Joe Jackson halted Tod Morgan, 3.

Johnny Meadows stopped Henry Grayson, 2, licked Al Hall, 4. Verne Patterson knocked out Phil Norman, 4. Mario Miscelli flattened Angelo Meola, 5, Milton Skyers, 2. Skyers halted Julian Malavez, 4. Tommy Mollis decisioned Bernie Miller, 6. Rocky Jackson flattened Joe Quinn, 1.

The Bob Ferris and Speedy Cannon bout was declared "no-contest". Ferris kayoed Jimmy Hatmaker, 2. Howard Strand drew with Billy Mayfield, 4. Frankie Abrams defeated Stanley Jordan, 6. Maxie Starr outfought Frankie Gillem, 6. Larry Villeneuve knocked out Bobby Pooler, 6. Eddie Collins won from Eddie Rice, 4.

Cleveland Brown licked Joey Martinez, 8. Marshall Allison drew with Billy Hayes, 4, knocked out Kid Bufkin, 4, then lost to Kid Watson, 4. James Sherron knocked out Tommy Ovaltree, 1, beat Tiger Kiggins, 5, Gene Ward, 6. Mutt Schwartz drew with Frankie Rand, 6. Johnny Jones drew with Joe Bennett, 10. Henry Jordan whipped Jimmy Green, 6.

Morris Reif halted Joey Manfro, 3. Josh Thompson kayoed George Sutters, then was kayoed by Mike McKessick, 4. Billy Furrone licked Jiggs Donohue, 8. Joe Celeste won from Alf Lavender, 10.

Sel Hamilton outpointed Len Fay, 8. Frankie Feener stopped Gary Rice, 2. Bobby Parsons halted Bernie Pope, 3. Charley Howley knocked out Max Grubick, 2. Jimmy Hill decisioned Eddie Barrow, 6. James Taylor licked Tommy Wornock, 8. Roy Greenwood knocked out Jimmy Murray, 3. Parker Peters stopped Bobby Claus, 5. Billy Smith outpointed Mickey Austin, 6.

Kid Possum vs. Aub Button declared 'no-contest' after 6 rounds. Bill DeBellin licked Jackie Daniels, 12. Lance Geyer defeated Joe Celeste, 10. Frankie Schwartz outpointed Eddie Smith, 6. Johnny Long stopped Sonny Hampton, 3. Jimmie Dundee decisioned Earl Boswell, 12. Walter Holba won from Billy Heath, 6. Vic Belanger drew with Fred Patterson, 4.

Lightweight bouts: Cleo Shans easily won from Vic Creelman, 10. Ike Williams won unanimously from Jimmy Hatcher, 10, then won a split decision from Sammy Angott, 10. Dave Castilloux defeated Santiago Sosa, 10, kayoed Joe Mendoza, 8. Willie Joyce won from Chester Slider, 10, but lost to welterweight Henry Armstrong, 10.

Eddie Rice (Hot Dawg) defeated Don Mentzer, 4. Tony Janiro halted Leo (Red) Brown, 5, defeated Jerry Coursol, 6. Patsy Spataro licked Vic Jade, 8, drew with Johnny Williams, 8. Frankie Como won from Rudy Garcia, 4. Genaro Rojo stopped Baby Sims, 7, Pete Martin, 2. Johnny Cool knocked out Johnny Rourke, 2.

Freddie Polowitzer put away Kid Sal, 3, kayoed Bobby Matthews, 2. Polowitzer was held to a draw by Pedro Cavelli, 6. Ralph Walton drew with Vic Costa, 6, kayoed Al Gauthier, 1. Costa defeated Charley Davis, 8. Walton drew with Maurice Lavigne, 8. Young Sampson drew with Slim Terror, 10. Santiago Sosa defeated Al Carlos, 10.

Baby Tiger Flowers stopped Billy Wilson, 2, drew with Vin Vazzo, 6. Billy Stevens licked Wally Creedon, Lou Kessie, 8 rounds each. Steve Vaccarelli defeated Nick Camarata, 6. Bo Harris flattened Patsy Zoccano, 3, Basil Jones, 3, and was stopped by Gary Williams, in 3. Jimmy Mason licked Joe Fernandez, 4, drew with Frankie Daniels, 6. Nick Restano drew with Billy Miller, 4, licked Winslow Woodward, 4. Corky Davis stopped Al Sforza, 5, defeated Tony Ferry, 8.

Lew Maxwell easily whipped Leo Dulmaine, 8, was trounced by Maxie Shapiro, 8. Bobby Gunther knocked out Norman See, 3, Alex Doyle, 3. Pat Demers stopped Al Triola, 3. Benny Singleton knocked out Benny Andy, 6 and defeated Vinnie Vazzo, 6. Benny Andy licked Hy Brown, 6. Pat Scanlon decisioned Gary Williams, 6, Rocky Progano, 8. Williams stopped Bo Harris, 3.

Frankie Carr defeated Jimmy Taylor, 6, Gary Williams, 6. Sal Amoroso stopped Johnny Astor, 3, whipped Joe Griffo, 4, Ray Murray, 4. Les Barnett beat Dusty York, 4. Ben Ramos drew with Mariano Canales, 4. Art (Honey) Robinson whipped Johnny Virgo, 6, and Johnny Worthey in 4. Joe Faiello decisioned Steve Bellus, 6, kayoed Ray Zaney, 1.

Arthur Barron halted Ray Vargas, 3. Don Wixson knocked out Al Douglas, 8, Cal Robinson, 3. Bobby Jackson defeated Freddie Taylor, 4. Joe Marlo licked Billy Tahan, 4.

Dave Crowley was disqualified for holding against Johnny Russell, 4, then licked Eric Dolby, 8. Charley Smith halted Danny Ardito, 5, Oscar Lewis, 7. Fred Corten knocked out Tommy Johns, 2.

Kid Young stopped Johnny Shields, 8. Wally Burns defeated Chook Ashenden, 8. Ashenden

then licked Bill Daley, 6. Dick Wright knocked out Rusty York, 3. George Pitt licked Red Fitzgerald, 4.

Frankie Rosen flattened Terry Amico, 3. George Dusty Brown knocked out Paulie Jackson, 3, also flattened veteran Jimmy Vaughn, 7. Doll Rafferty won from Gene Ward, 8. Julian Malavez stopped Marcel Fournier, 6. Johnny Coe defeated Billy Constance, 6.

Bobby Root finished Al Freda, 5, decisioned Harry Gentile, 6, licked Santiago Rivera, 8. Ernie Giusti licked Hy Brown, 4, Buddy Lessard, 4. Bobby Waters drew with Jimmy Allen, 4, licked Talbert Anderson, 6.

Johnny Red Fees drew with Buddy Heron, 6. Buddy knocked out Jimmy Connors, 3. Connors drew with Jimmy Dougherty, 6. Herron decisioned Rosy Grier, 8. Jimmy Joyce flattened Freddie Taylor, 4. Danny Valdez drew with Joe Guiterrez, 4. Major Jones knocked out Jimmy Reynolds, 2, licked Jorge Morelia, 6. Roy Lewis decisioned Gene Ward, 5.

Willie Bowen defeated Joe Savidan, 4. Joe Miller stopped Art Robinson, 2, defeated Johnny Cool, 8. Vinnie Melito knocked out Bunny Marconi, 1. Artie Di Pietro decisioned Leon Kennedy, 6.

Dennis Pat Brady halted Joe McGuire, 3. Tito Despaigne put away Jerry Harmon, 3, Jack Walls, 1. Nat Litfin turned the tables on Tommy Mills, 8, kayoed Tommy Murray, 6. Bob Lawson licked Jack Primmer, 6.

Monty Pignatore kayoed Clyde English after the bell ending the second round and was declared the loser on a disqualification. Pignatore knocked out English in a return bout in 2 rounds. Carl Olsen stopped Bob Correa, 2. Johnny Shields licked Lionel Orreal, 15. Tommy Johns halted Kid Delaney, 9.

Billy Stevens decisioned Norm Richards, 8. Gene Rooney defeated Louis Salas, 4, drew with Danny Valdez, 4, licked Johnny Gonzales, 6. Frankie Fernandez stopped Dionoso Sosa, 3. Gregory Costello drew with Al Bishop, 4 (twice).

Dom Amoroso stopped Jackie Savino, 3, beat Johnny Williams, 8. Pvt. Buddy Garcia halted Proctor Heinold, 4. Andy Klinges licked Red Schultz, 8, kayoed Paulie Wilson, 2, Schultz kayoed Marvin Trulock, 1.

Sammy Parrotta kayoed Miquel Arroya, 4. Pat Demers licked Johnny Cool, 10. Juste Fontaine kayoed Ted Christie, 1, Pedro Ybarra, 9. Bill Klassen licked Rudy Garcia, 4, flattened George Scott, 1.

Carmine Fatta drew with Joe Amico, 8. Sylvester Williams drew with Pap Ross, 5. Melvin Bartholomew drew with Richard Germaine, 5. Baby Gonzels licked Harry Cole, 6. Matt Oglesby drew with Eddie Hudson, 10.

Willie Scott stopped Ray McNally, 3. Billy James won from Vince Tritto, 5. Dan Robertson licked Walter Halbo, 4. Julio Franco whipped Jerry Harmon, 4. Torpedo Reed drew with Sonny Hill, 4.

Bobby Sorrio licked Louis DeAngel, 4. A. C. Lee whipped Joe Poindexter, 4. Poindexter lost to Nat Barr, 5. Alonzo Wills won from Billy Sparks, 5. Jerry Darby upset the highly favored Fred Polowitzer, 6.

Mike Martyk stopped Joe Glenn, 3. Tino Leon won from Chick Laws, 4. Jack Toomey flattened Bill Rainsbury, 9. Kid Riley lost to "Fishy" Taylor, 12, then licked Taylor, 12. Billy Wells drew with Barry Grant, 10. Joey Reed defeated Frank Calabrese, 4.

George Henry halted Jimmy Spence, 3. Pedro Firpo licked Johnny Cockfield, 6. Johnny Chapman defeated Billy Shelton, 6. Marty Bell drew with Al Starling, 4, then licked Billy Miller, 4. Jim Frazer kayoed Joe Caldwell, 11. Harry Hammon knocked out Bill Walsh, 4.

George Craig lost on a foul to Paddy Slavin, 8. Kid Young lost to Bobby Fuller, 12. Dick Wright kayoed Max Brander, 1, and drew with Les Barnett, 4. Archie Rash won from Ralph Clay and Tommy Chapman, 12 each. Jackie Jobson kayoed Billy Cooper, 3. Billy Stevens defeated Wally Creedon, 8.

Here is the featherweight activity: Harry Jeffra halted Domingo Diaz, 6, licked Charley Noel, 8. Al Phillips won on a foul from Len Davies, 6 (low blow). Enrique Bolanos knocked out Mike Grimaldo, 1, but was kayoed by bantam champ Manuel Ortiz in 6. Willie Pep won all the way from Joey Peralta, 10. Nel Tarleton defeated Johnny King, 8.

Pete Virgin stopped Herbert Solomon, 4, licked Johnny Montreal, 8. Baby Santiago drew with Joey Mace, 6. Bobby Mathews trounced Lou Falco, 6. Kid Slammer defeated Sammy Medina, 10. Mickey Quack stopped Leon Jones, 4.

Johnny Juliano knocked out Walter Cabey Lewis, 5, Tom Jennings, 5. Jennings flattened Charley Bayrun, 4. Lewis won from Paul Mederi, 6. Joe Sanchez defeated Kid Waianae, 4, stopped Little Rosa, 1. Victor Sagpang licked Battling Pering, 4. Pering was stopped by Manuel Anduha, 4.

Jimmy Hill won from Kid Gallagher, 8. Gallagher drew with Wally Burns, 8, licked Ern Hammon, 8. Jack Lee beat Jack Joseph, 4, Don Truscott, 4. Kid Vera Cruz defeated Pee Wee Lewis, 10. Leo Robbo drew with Andy Gollan, 12.

Mickey Tollis whipped Danny Rooney, 8. Billy Tollis stopped Roy Walker, 6, Roy Underwood, 5. Ern Hammon decisioned Bill Daley, 8. Syd Worgan won from Griff Williams, 8. Al Pennino Allen won from Jose Torres, 6, kayoed Danny Parrillo, 4.

Mario Colon defeated Ray Morris, 8. Davey Allen won from Jose Torres, 6, kayoed Danny Parrillo, 4, repeated on Torres, 8. Juste Fontaine stopped Ted Christie, 1. Jimmy Allen drew with George Henry, 4. Eli Golindo won from Sonny Gomez, 6. Vinnie Vazzo flattened Jimmy Sandles, 2. Sandles licked Johnny Coe, 4. Leroy Willis whipped George Knox, 6, flattened Tuffy Simms, 1.

Clint Miller drew with Rocky Progano, 8. whipped Domingo Diaz, 6, Progano lost by a knockout to Young Tony, 3 (Progano suffered a twisted ankle). Anicito Madrid drew with Henry Zamora, 4. Al Starling drew with Marty Bell, 4. Mickey Williams drew with Harry Thompson, 4. Frankie Warren stopped Vinnie Geddes, 3.

Earl Trader finished Al Rodriguez, 5. Buck Sweeney upset Harry Diduck, 6. Abel Lucero knocked out Cal Robinson, 2. Manuel Torres licked Al Rodriguez, 6. Jean Barriere whipped Steve Kronis, 8 and Kronis stopped Francis Cocky Davis in 6.

Bob English won from Johnny Coe, 6. Willie Gonzales flattened Young Goldie, 2. Flashy Henry beat Victor Sagpang, 4. Kid Bobo stopped Ben Ramos, 4. Bud Christman drew with Zach Taylor, 3. (Both boys received cut eyes.)

Bernard Docusen fought to a draw with Nick Camarata, 6. Marion Rhoten stopped Bobby Williams, 2, Ray Glemm, 2. Bobby Smith held the highly touted Freddie Russo to a draw, 10. Russo stopped Tommy Murray, 2, Vic Jade, 4. Nick Stato halted Eddie Reardon, 1. Stan Jamison drew with Pee Wee Swingler, 4, also drew with Anicito Madrid, 4.

Jimmy Calhoun made his professional debut by licking Oscar Williams, 4, losing to Ted Christie, 5, then again defeating Oscar Williams, 4. Ken Daley licked Ted Argens, 8. Mick Williams knocked out Harry Thompson, 3. Jimmy McDonald flattened Jack Richards, 2. Lou Alter put away Paul Powell, 3. Lee Methot drew with Sam Cynamen, 6. Gus Mell won from Ted Finlay, 8. Jackie Graves knocked out Eddie Lee, 6.

Reg Launt defeated Danny Simmons, 8. Timmy Tier scored a knockout over Art Wooden, 6. Mick Williams defeated Jack Richards, 4. Harry Thompson drew with Jim McDonald, 4. Les Brooks knocked out Ken Stanford, 9. Tony Subedeen won from Jimmy Moore, 8. Charley Riley knocked out Armanda Sicilia, 1. Joey Kushner halted Steve Bellus, 2. Joey Dolan licked Joe Robleto, 10, then lost to Mike Belloise, 10.

Bantamweight bouts: Luis Castillo upset the favored Tony Olivera, 10. Billy Williams defeated Jock McGivney, 4. Frankie Jaynes licked Jimmy Allen, 6, Johnny Wolgast, 8. Manuel Ortiz knocked out the highly touted Enrique Bolanos, 6. Eddie Hines whipped Benny Sulk, 4. Frankie Ciccio knocked out Winnie Taitt, 3.

Baby Uribe licked Baby Alfaro, 8. Young Pino decisioned Lorenzo Safora, 10. John Bill won from Young Yellow, 10. Ken Bailey drew with Bernie Dunn, 10. Joe Sandy Saddler easily whipped the game Clifford Smith, 6.

Florian Bibeau licked Georgie Knox, 6, drew with Henri Murray, 6. Ken Stanford stopped Jim Pickering, 3. Pee Wee Swingler drew with Stanley Jamison, 4, stopped Nino Espinosa, 3. Ray Haggett drew with Tom Morris, 8. Mick Murray defeated Frank Courts, 4. Dennis Timoney drew with Mickey Colbert, 10. Bobby McDonald decisioned Johnny Regan, 8. Cecil Schoonmaker stopped Winnie Taitt, 4.

Chico Ross decisioned Ray Lewis, 12 (Hawaiian featherweight title). Joe Landry licked Johnny Parvia, 4. Ponce Jurado whipped Augie Rodriguez, 4.

Trini Ortiz drew with Frankie Camacho, 2. (Camacho suffered a cut eye in the second round.) Benny Cousins stopped Brownie Morris, 1. Cousins lost to Augustine Rodriguez, 4. Vidal Gaytan stopped Lou Williams, 3.

Col Davis disposed of Joe Scully, 4. Ray Haggett knocked out Ray Skelton, 4. Andy Gollan stopped Jimmy Day, 4. Dave Robinson stopped Bill Williams, 3.

The flyweight contests: Norman Lewis halted Bobby McGhee, 6. George Parkes stopped Charlie Kerr, 4, then licked Johnny Summers, 10. Tommy Plowright won from Mickey Jones, 8. Frankie Courts defeated Kid Socks, 4.

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# Keesler Field

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Exhibitions have been given by Pvt. Montgomery, Pvt. Jimmy Bivins, Pvt. Fritzie Zivic and by Sgt. Pete Lello, nationally known lightweight.

Pvt. Phil Furr, former fourth ranking welter in the country, also won in many appearances. Sgt. Thurston McKinney, credited with the discovery of Joe Louis by H. G. Salsinger, veteran sports authority of the Detroit *News*, assisted Louis and Montgomery at Keesler in addition to keeping his lightheavy record clean. Cpl. Ben Montabanno was climbing the welterweight ladder when he was inducted. While at Keesler he fought and trained others.

First Lt. Gilbert W. (Gib) Black, national and international flyweight Golden Glove champion in 1932 and bantam veteran of 174 professional fights in the Middle West, still keeps in trim during spare time from his job as engineering officer.

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AMATEURS, too, have had the best of representation at Keesler. Staff Sgt. James Reddick has since left the field, but while here he helped condition prospective mitters. Reddick won the national Golden Gloves lightheavy crown in 1940, the junior A.A.U. title, and whipped the Rome delegate of the last European team to come to this country. Among many others, also, was Pvt. Gene Roberts, national 1943 featherweight champ, who showed how he won his laurels.

Officials behind the program are among the best. S/Sgt. Walter (Gus) Shorts, 1924-25 All-American tackle from Bucknell and holder of a Pennsylvania boxing official's license, handles matching and promotion as part of his Athletic Department job. The regular referee, who contributes his off-duty time, is T/Sgt. Jerry Kucera, Windy City welterweight during 1927-28. During Kucera's absence, 1st Lt. Louis J. Ritzie, post boxing instructor and 1937 captain and intercollegiate middleweight champ on Penn State's mitt team, takes over as third man.

Boxing, probably the most popular and successful sport at Keesler Field, is just one of many competitive features staged by physical training departments at all AAF Training Command schools for pilots, gunners, navigators, bombardiers and technicians. Officers, enlisted men, cadets and students keep in the pink on an around-the-year basis with organized tournaments in basketball, baseball, tennis, track, football, badminton, handball, volleyball and a variety of other events.

## Dempsey's Sparring Mate Aids Chinese Troops in Burma

Private Charles V. Martenson, 34, is now serving as a Signal Corps trouble shooter with a headquarters group of Y Force Operations Staff in Southwestern China. Martenson, a boxer who has acted as sparring partner for Dempsey, Tunney and Sharkey at various New York gymnasiums, enlisted in the Army in December, 1942, and was sent to the Central Signal School at Camp Crowder, Mo.

He was on desert maneuvers in California when ordered overseas. Arriving in China in December, 1943, after a brief period in India, he was assigned to Y Force, the American liaison group which is engaged in training, supplying and advising the Chinese armies in their efforts to reopen the Burma Road.

## NEWS FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.
By JIM ECHOLS

BEFORE a gathering of 3000 fans, Goldie Ahearn and the Liberty Athletic Club presented Ike Williams and Jimmy Hatcher in a ten-round headline contest. The highly regarded Trenton lightweight copped a unanimous ten-round decision. But in doing so he failed to exhibit his highly publicized punch. In fairness to Ike we must mention that he had spent the best part of the day in Trenton for his Army physical and after that, a three-hour train ride to Washington. The bout was to have been on Monday but was set back a day due to rain.

For Hatcher it was a defensive fight and in doing so he threw away chances for a win, but his boxing ability was something to see and for a fighter who has just been mustered out of the service he put up a commendable exhibition.

The early rounds saw Ike bearing down and trying for a kayo but Jimmy was too smart and elusive for him and after seven rounds of milling he settled down, content to cop the decision.

It was a fight replete with all the fouls in the trade but Referee Charley Reynolds did a workmanlike job in keeping the boys in line and making it an interesting bout. Williams weighed 138; Hatcher, 137.

A quartet of sixes composed the prelims with a six-rounder involving Bee Bee Washington, 160, Washington, and Billy White, 152, Baltimore, listed as the semi-final. Bee Bee took the duke over Baltimore Billy, by a very slight margin.

Old Tommy Mollis, 147, Baltimore, won over Bernie Miller, 141, New York City. Mollis took the bout on short notice and put up a creditable scrap. Jimmy Bell, 178, Washington, won over Eddie Matthews, 202, New Haven, when Matthews was unable to answer the bell for the fourth round. In the opener the promising New Jerseyite, Earl Trader, 126, Wilmington, scored a kayo win over Al Rodriguez, 131, New York City, in 1:25 of the fifth. The gross gate was $7,841.

William C. "Billy" Blake, chief inspector of the district boxing commission, resigned last month to take a more active interest in the sport as manager of a stable of boxers and sports major domo for the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Billy has been a veteran of boxing for more than two decades, and he will become associated with Glenn Drake who has a large stable of pugilists performing under his tutelage. Drake momentarily expects his army call and his choice of Billy Blake was indeed a wise one.

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The Boxing Commission has announced the appointment of William H. Thomas as its new chief inspector, to succeed Blake. Tommy has served as an inspector for the commission for a number of years and he is well qualified to assume his new post.

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Paddy Kane, present C.Y.O. boxing coach in Chicago, has been named to fill the spot vacated by Fausto Rubino at the University of Maryland, when school reopens this fall.

The first big-time amateur boxing show sponsored by the V.F.W. and promoted by Billy Blake is to be staged at the ball park late in September. Featured in the top spots will be 17-year-old Joe Gannon, 147-pound National A.A.U. champion, and Francis Sweeney, 160-pound National A.A.U. titleholder.

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Rumor has it that Pete's A.C. is about ready to move into newer and more spacious quarters. In the absence of Pete Mancini, "Dodo" Kenneth is doing a yeoman job. . . . Humphrey DeCola and Pete Mancini, in their navy blues, watched the Williams-Hatcher fisticuffing while here on furlough. . . . Jimmy DeChard, former amateur heavyweight champ, is getting his boot training at Camp Peary, Va. . . . Toby Hatcher was here with her husband Jimmy for his bout with Ike Williams. Toby applied for a second's license, but her request was denied by the commission. . . . Steve Mamakos is back in the gym.

Russ Hodges broadcast the Hatcher-Williams workouts from the Liberty Club's gym, over WOL (Mutual) daily. . . . Nick Latsios, the Golden Greek, is back in town after losing a close bout to Bee Bee Wright in McKeesport for the benefit of flood relief. Previously during the winter season Nick had scored a one-round kayo over the Double B. . . . Washington's Bobby "Bustem" Brown was slated to fight on the Williams-Hatcher card but was rejected after being examined by Dr. John DeMayo, of the boxing commission. Following is his statement: "In re contestant, Bobby Brown, examination of this contestant shows that he has tortuous vessels in his retinae, his heart action is slightly irregular, and examination of his nervous system shows a condition of nervous instability."

We hope Bobby will not be coerced into fighting elsewhere.

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Fighting a defensive battle all of the way, Nick Latsios met a kayo defeat at the hands of Bee Bee Wright of Pittsburgh, in Joe Turner's semi-monthly show at the Stadium. By kayoing Nick in 0:59 of the eighth round, Wright ended a rivalry that saw Nick stop Bee Bee in one stanza and later Wright outclassed Latsios in Pittsburgh. Latsios failed to get off in the bout and Wright's vicious right hand continually found a ready target on Nick's chin and head. All told Nick was on the floor five times, three of them real knockdowns. Wright was a vastly improved fighter over the youngster who had appeared here in previous bouts during the winter and spring. This can possibly be credited to the addition of Larry Amadee, veteran handler and trainer. Wright scaled 145½ to Latsios' 150.

The supporting card was the best seen here in months and a tribute to the ability of Gabe Menendez, Turner's matchmaker. In a scheduled six-rounder the semi-windup featured Samson Powell, 161, Detroit, and Stoney Lewis, 164, Washington, in an action-packed bout. It started out looking as if Stoney would cash in another win check, but Powell upset the dope by scoring a kayo win in 2:39 of the fourth round.

The other prelims were both sixes, Pedro Firpo, 131, Wilmington, decisioned Johnny Cockfield, 134, New York City, and Dixie Oliver, 193, St. Petersburg, Fla., punched out a win over Mose Thomas, 192, Baltimore.

A pair of fours opened proceedings and in one Bobby Parsons, 191, Washington, after a shaky start, came on to kayo Ernie Pope, 186, Washington, in 1:48 of the third round. The opener saw Frank Feener, 143½, Randolph, Mass., stop Gary Rice, 149, Alexandria, Va., in 2:55 of the second round. It was one of Joe Turner's best outdoor shows and grossed $6,531.17.

## NEWS OF TEXAS RINGS
By BILL DAVEE

AT El Paso (Juarez Bull Ring), August 8—Clayton Worlds, elongated Chicago heavyweight, defeated Houston's colorful Tiger Sheppard in ten fast rounds. Boasting a nine-inch advantage in height, a 15-pound pull in weight, Worlds proved entirely too smart and shifty for the ever-trying Sheppard, keeping him off balance and at long range most of the evening. It was a great scrap and both fighters will be welcomed back to the border city.

In the six-round semi, Vidal Gaytan, promising Juarez bantam, gained a close duke over his rival, Sonny Gomez. It was a hotly contested scrap all the way with "everything" going.

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At Beaumont, August 22—Buddy Thomas, Washington heavyweight, made an auspicious Texas debut when he stopped Jimmy Webb in seven. It was a slugging match all the way and apparently about even, when the Houston puncher announced that he was unable to come up for the seventh frame.

In the six-round semi, Beltin' Ben Johnson scored his 16th straight victory as a pro, at the expense of the veteran Walter Brady. Brady made a couple of trips to the canvas from Ben's powerful right, but managed to weather the storm and last the route.

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At Galveston, August 24—Jimmy Carollo, of New York City, looked like a million and a sure winner in the first round of his bout with the veteran Jack Marshall. That is, until he ran into one of Jack's powerhouse left hooks and hit the deck. He gamely rose, only to be smacked down three more times and Manager Paccassi wisely heaved in the towel in the second. Carollo, just released from the Marines for physical disability, should retire. Marshall, in the best condition of his career, was superb and would have given a good account of himself against any heavyweight in the land.

In the six-round semi, Buddy Garcia, Galveston soldier, who has been winning consistently in the East, made his first hometown appearance as a pro and scored a big hit in halting the state lightweight king, Proctor Heinold, after four rounds, when the referee decided that Heinold had had enough. Proctor, who is only a featherweight, was badly outweighed, but showed well in making a game stand against the classy Garcia.

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At El Paso, September 1—Promoter Jimmy Erwin gave a number of local lads a chance to prove themselves in a "talent" show and the lads acquitted themselves nobly. In the feature, Vidal Gaytan proved himself ready for main events by flattening Lou Williams in three; Fidel Rivera did likewise with a first heat knockout over Babe Brown; Manny Ortega, former Golden Glove champ, made his pro start by kayoing the clever Jesse Beccera, three; Pancho Tronero stopped Pee Wee McKinney, four; Baby Gallo won over Pelin Chico, four.

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Glove Gossip . . . The writer missed out on quite a lot of the fistic activities during the summer, as well as neglecting correspondence, as we spent the summer enjoying that well-known California climate. Will appreciate any fight news being sent to me at my home, 1133 West Bell Ave., Houston, Texas. . . . Now for the mail. . . . Word from Cpl. Jesse Ramos, that grand little member of the fighting Ramos family, stating that his two brothers, Johnny and Ernie, are overseas and he hopes to be soon. Your two kid brothers, Carlos and Augustin, are doing okay at home as amateur battlers, and hope to become as good as you were when you were "champ" here. Your many friends at home wish you luck, Jesse. . . . Roy Zambano: Don't know where Ted "Mustang" Garcia is, but he is serving with Uncle Sam's navy. . . . Thanks, "Tex" Goodwin, it's good to hear from you. Keep swinging. . . . Red Slaton, former star amateur lightweight, writes that he is giving the Japs hell. We know you are in there slugging, Red. . . . Pvt. Joe French, former Kentucky RING correspondent, is now stationed at Camp Bowie. Joe should be a boost to boxing at Bowie.

Ward Connors, of San Antonio, the newly-appointed State Boxing Inspector, appears to be the most "boxing-minded" man ever to hold that position and we believe that the game will be greatly benefited by Mr. Connors. Congratulations Commissioner Reed on this appointment! . . .

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# Broadcast From New York

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Freddie Dawson, 135, Chicago, knocked out Bucky Taylor, 141, Baltimore, in two rounds. Dawson flattened Taylor with a right to the jaw delivered as the boys were breaking from a clinch, eight seconds before the bell ending the first round. This brought down the wrath of the gallery gods.

Taylor was dragged to his corner, revived temporarily, and then was sent out at the start of the second round in none too good condition to carry on. Dawson pitched a right hand to the jaw of Taylor rendering him hors de combat for the evening.

It was a hollow victory for the supposedly superior Dawson and was roundly booed by the majority of the fans.

Davie Allen, 124, fighting little gamecock, outfought Mike Konnors, 128¼, in the opening four.

Jimmy McDaniels, 146, Los Angeles, slammed his way to win over Ralph Zannelli, 144¼, Providence welterweight, in the feature attraction of ten rounds at Madison Square Garden. The attendance figures showed 7,648 for the first of Jacobs' fifty-two weekly shows. The gross receipts were announced at $17,111.

This was the first of a series of boxing bouts to be broadcast under a contract calling for the Twentieth Century Sporting Club to air no less than fifty-two shows during the coming year. This gives Promoter Mike Jacobs his choice in using either the Garden or the St. Nicholas Arena, his other club.

Jimmy waged an aggressive battle, punching at all times, and never giving the veteran Ralph a chance to get set. Zannelli seemed intent on befuddling McDaniels and exhibited a clown style at times that had McDaniels entirely at sea. McDaniels' body bombardment proved too much for Zannelli, who seemed content to clutch his way through the contest. Jimmy would bang away at every opportunity on the inside forcing Ralph to grab and hold on for dear life.

Plenty of wise money showed up for Zannelli just before fight time, causing McDaniels, a pre-fight 1-to-3 favorite to enter the ring only a 5-to-9 choice. McDaniels scored a one-sided victory and won like a 20-to-0 shot.

As the bout progressed, Zannelli's feeble efforts looked absolutely ludicrous. Referee Eddie Josephs and Judge Bob Cunningham scored the bout seven for McDaniels and three for Zannelli. Judge Marty Monroe scored it eight for McDaniels and two for Zannelli, his opponent. Your RING reporter agreed with the judgment of the referee.

McDaniels, in a vain effort to catch the fleeing Zannelli, was caught with a left hook on the chin which caught him off balance depositing him on the canvas for a one-count. Zannelli received a cut over his left eye in the seventh round but it was nothing much to write home about, neither was the fight.

Billy Arnold, 148½, Philadelphia puncher, was in an exceptionally vicious mood and punched away with reckless abandon to belt out the game Tony Reno, 151½, Chicago, in 2:04 of the second round. Arnold had Reno down for a count of nine in the first round and punched his man helpless before the halfway mark in the succeeding round. Referee Johnny Appel was forced to call a halt with Reno helplessly dangling along the ropes.

John Flynn, 210, Rochester, proved too big and strong for the rusty Tommy Gomez, 178½, highly touted Tampa soldier, who turned out to be a dud in his metropolitan debut. Flynn won a unanimous decision.

Pvt. Buddy Garcia, 133½, won a bristling six-rounder from Tommy Mills, 136¾, Valley Stream.

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The MacArthur Stadium rang down the curtain on a most successful season. The final show featured the comeback effort of Morris Reif, Brownsville Banger, meeting Joey Manfro of the Bronx in a bout scheduled for eight rounds. A crowd of over 4,000 people saw Referee Young Otto call a halt to the bout when Manfro suffered cuts over both eyes. Reif appeared in fine condition and displayed great punching ability. Reif weighed 144½; Manfro, 138½.

Gary Williams, 138, Newark, was declared the winner over Bo Harris, 138¼, East Side, when the latter was unable to continue after 2:40 of the third round. Al Pennino, 122, Brooklyn, scored a knockout victory over Danny Parrillo, 125¼, Philadelphia, in 2:02 of the fourth round. Walter (Cabey) Lewis, 126, Cuba, won a decision over Paul Mederi, 134, Corona, L. I., in a hard-fought six-round bout. In the four-round opener, Gregory Costello, 132¾, New York, was held to a draw for the second time within one week by Al Bishop, 136½, Harlem.

# Hitting the Spotlight

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five good heavyweights, defeating Charley Wright, and "Tiger" Lou Jones.

Eatman is married, has three children and is employed as a guard at a maritime corporation in Brooklyn.

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### JEAN BARRIERE

JEAN BARRIERE, Montreal featherweight, is touring the U. S. Eastern border. Jean boxes from a crouch and snaps a beautiful left hook from his weaving stance. He is a rough, tough character who revels in trading blows with his opponent. He won eight bouts in a row, five by knockouts before being stopped by a lightweight, Charley Smith. Barriere never fails to please.

Though halted in his last bout in Providence, those who have seen him in action say he is one of the best of the boys at his weight who has come down from across the border in several years. He is managed by Sam Gibbs who hopes to get the Canadian crown for him. At his weight he can hold his own against the best.

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### JERRY MALONI

STILLMAN'S GYM, where the Sages of Sock gather to give the pugilists the once-over, had their keen optics focussed on a visitor last month. He was a tough-looking, mean-socking middleweight from Springfield, Mass. Watching him in the ring, the experts looked impressed. Jerry Maloni is the name and he seemed to know all a fighter requires in order to hold his own against the best battlers in the business.

During a period of some ten years of fighting, Jerry has acquired a great amount of fistic knowledge. He steps around the ring without exerting himself, moves calmly and easily, blocks punches with coolness and hits back at his foe with solid blows that hurt and stun. A powerfully built, clean-living chap, Maloni is able to take a hard wallop without flinching or weakening.

Born in Springfield, Mass., on February 18, 1915, Jerry Maloni left grammar school at the age of 14, two years after his father had died, and went to work in a chair factory. After six months, he quit his job and began to battle in amateur tournaments.

"From the time I saw my first fight," explained Jerry, "which was when I was ten, I made up my mind to become a boxer. I lost my first five bouts, but that didn't discourage me. I won all my 30 contests after that. I was at that time working for the Country Club Soda Company, in Springfield."

Maloni turned pro nine years ago. He participated in only 81 battles. In 1940 he quit the ring because of injured hands. During that time he worked at various jobs. A year ago, when he felt that his dukes were okay, he returned to fistic warfare. He won eight straight before dropping a close one to Sonny Horne.

He then defeated Jimmy Leto, lost to Joe Bennett, drew with him, then beat him twice. Maloni drew with, and knocked out Wilfe Shanks. He licked Jerry Fiorello, kayoed Al Gilbert, trounced Langston Dennis and lost a sensational battle to Coley Welch.

Maloni is happily married and the proud father of three children. His trainer is Mike Raffaele, former heavyweight boxer.

# Flying Leathernecks

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for the Leathernecks and won five of them. During these encounters he had his right hand broken twice. That kept him out of action for quite awhile. He won the welterweight championship here at Cherry Point in 1943 and '44.

In the lightheavyweight division Sergeant Paul Ottavio, from Paterson, N. J., won the state championship of New Jersey in 1938, '39, '40 and went to the finals in 1941 before tasting defeat. Enlisting in the Marines in 1943, Paul has won eight decisions and lost three for the flyers.

Corporal Leon Leblonde from Lisbon, Me., at 140 pounds, is also a former amateur champion, winning the bantamweight title in Lisbon in 1939, and then winning the featherweight diadem in 1940. He had twelve amateur bouts before entering the service and won them all. Since joining the Marines, he has won seven times and lost three decisions. Due to a broken arm he has been on the inactive list for the past several months. He hopes to be in there again shortly if his arm mends correctly.

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PRIVATE FIRST CLASS EDDIE MARTZ of Washington, D. C., had a good record to his credit before entering the service. Eddie has seen action in fifty fights and won forty, losing the verdict in ten. He won the Golden Gloves title in Washington, D. C., in 1942. As a member of the Cherry Point team, he has won two and been on the short end in three bouts. He has also been on the injured list for the last several months due to a broken hand, but he is ready to go again now.

There are two good middleweights on the team. Staff Sergeant Joe Mirageliotta, Charleston, W. Va., won several Golden Gloves championships before entering the service and since being here at Cherry Point has defeated a number of service champions. Joe has a record of eleven wins and two defeats with the Flying Leathernecks.

The other middleweight, Private First Class Tony Reilly, of Chicago, Ill., shows great promise with one of the hardest right hands in the service. Although young and needing experience, that right hand will take care of him until he gains more knowledge in the squared circle. Tony has won two and lost one since joining the team.

# Icelanders Quick to Absorb Boxing

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month at Andrews Field in Iceland:

Marteinn Bjorgviensson (Armann Sports Club, 100 lbs.) won over Fridrik Gudnasson (Armann Sports Club, 95 lbs.). Pvt. Onny Uribe, 135, Los Angeles, Cal., won via T.K.O. in the second round over A. C. Eddie Loney, 130, Londonderry, N. Ireland, R. A. F. Lac Terry Loftus, Barrie, Ont. R.C.A.F., won over Lac Russell Selkirk, Hamilton, Canada (R.C.A.F.), Corp. John Duncan, 161, Youngstown, Ohio, won in three from Ordinary Seaman Jack Bostock, 159 (Nottingham, Eng.). Lac Roger Pelletier, Montreal, 153, took the decision from Lac George Guimond, Montreal, 160. Pvt. Eddie Perkins, Wallet Grove, Miss., 140, won over Ac Bob Roberts, R.A.F., London, Eng., 142.

In the windup, Corp. Al Spence, 165, Royal Marine from Glasgow, Scotland, gained a brilliant victory over Corp. Jack Daley, 172, Middlesboro, Eng., R.A.F.

Stefan Johnsson, 140, Armann Sports Club, 140, did plenty of fancy jabbing to win over Arnkell Gudmundsoon, 138. Seaman George Baker, Norridge, Eng., Royal Navy, 155, won in a novice bout from Seaman Joe Nurse, London, England, 175. Lac George Ades, London, Eng., 172, was the winner over Lac Tom McCloud, Elgin, Scotland, 170, both are R.A.F. men. Ac Bob Roberts, R.A.F., London, 140, won a close, hard-fought bout from Ac Dave Askew, London, R.A.F., 145. Lac Bob Herschell, who helps us with the R.A.F. boxers as their efficient trainer, put on an exhibition with Lac George Gullen, London, Eng. Both scaled 165. Ac Ed Loney, Londonderry, N. Ireland, of the R.A.F., won over Ken Kerrison, Norridge, Eng. Also R.A.F. Ken weighed 134, to Ed's 130. Lac Paddy Orr, Newry, North Ireland, won via T.K.O. in 1:21 of the third when he stopped Officers' Steward, Burt Clark, Leicester, Eng. Orr is an R.A.F. man and Clark is a Royal Navy representative.

In the wind-up Corp. John Duncan of Youngstown, Ohio, made it two straight when he won over Ordinary Seaman Jack Bostock, Nottingham, Eng., R.N., 160.

Under the supervision of Peter Wigelund and Gudmundur Arason, the Armann Sports Boxers toured the outlying cities of Iceland in order to give the people a better insight of boxing and its intricacies and accomplishments. More than 6,000 Icelanders watched the exhibitions and all were high in their praise of the performers.

In the second bout, Lac George Ades, London, R.A.F., 172, won over Tom McCloud, Elgin, Scotland, 171, also R.A.F. In bout three, Pvt. Louis Bennette, San Francisco, Cal., won over the hard-hitting Ed. Loney of Londonderry, Northern Ireland. Lac Russell Selkirk, 155, Hamilton, Can., R.C.A.F., won from Lac Roger Pelletier, 153, Montreal, Can. Corp. Joe Sarvedeo, 160, Mt. Vernon, N. Y., won via T.K.O. in 1:20 in the second over Stoker Clirry Allen, 154, London, Eng., and Royal Navy. The latter's eye was badly gashed from a hard right thrown by Joe. Corp. John Duncan, 159, Youngstown, Ohio, made it three straight when he won over Lac George Gullen, 161, London.

In the semi, Pvt. Andy Riccardi, Chester, Pa., 180, won over Corp. Jack Daley, middlesboro, Eng., 174.

In the windup Pvt. Harding Montooth, 167, Knoxville, Tenn., who won the Golden Glove middle championship two years running until Uncle Sam beckoned, met Ordinary Seaman Johnny Biggs, 162, Newcastle, Eng. Both were undefeated.

## BUFFALO, N. Y.
### By HUGH SHANNON

DAVE CASTILLOUX was far too good for Jose Mendoza, Mexican lightweight, and had no trouble whipping Mendoza in the ten-round headliner of the Fairview A. C.'s initial indoor boxing show of the 1944-45 season. . . . Castilloux won in the eighth round by a technical knockout when Mendoza quit. . . . The Mexican was peppered from pillar to post and Castilloux won as he pleased. Castilloux weighed 136 pounds and Mendoza, 134½.

In the semi-windup Mike Martyk, little Canadian buzz-saw, stopped Joe Glenn, 128, a rough and tough Pittsburgh Negro, in four rounds. . . . Mike was in rare punching form and hit Glenn some terrific wallops before the Negro went down. . . . Martyk weighed 132, which is heavy for him. . . . Leroy Jackson, Johnny Papke's good boy from Cleveland, hung up another victory when he rocked Pete Bolos, 123, of Detroit, to dreamland in two rounds. . . . Pat Scanlon, 138, New York, won the verdict over Miquel Aroyo, 140, Detroit, in a very fast six-round scrap. . . . Scanlon is one of the cleverest youngsters to show here in months, and will be welcomed back. . . . This is the type of fighter Promoter Bill Mitchie should build up for future cards. . . . In the four-round opener Nick Polise, Detroit, 136, outpointed Horace Leftwich, 133, Buffalo.

Dave Castilloux will be back for a local engagement against a real top-notcher in October.

Promoter Bill Mitchie almost grabbed one of the banner attractions of the season when he attempted to pair Sugar Ray Robinson and Johnny Greene. Billy had Robertson tied up but couldn't corral Greene. "Maybe later," says Bill.

Jack Singer has the promise of Lou Nova to come back to Buffalo and fight for the Hudson A.C. again. Nova will prove a big attraction here for an indoor show. Singer also has Willie Pep in prospect for a local date.

Around the Town . . . Art Bagley, well-known director of bouts at all boxing shows for many years, is dead. . . . Art was known as "Doc" though the nickname was copied from the famous New York fight manager, Frank (Doc) Bagley. . . . Frank Bagley, now also dead, was well known and liked in Buffalo in the days when he had Willie Jackson under his wing. . . . Jackson and Rocky Kansas put up some stirring settos. . . . Tommy Walsh attended the Dave Castilloux-Jose Mendoza bout here on September 6th. . . . Tommy is working out of Cleveland and is associated with boxing promotion there. . . . Walsh says the fight game is due for a gigantic boom. . . . Bert Finch, one of the most popular managers in the game is now building a new stable and is sure to be a very busy fellow this fall and winter. . . . Chick Johnson says his brother, Kid Fredericks, never was more than a lightweight although he fought such tough birds as Stanley Ketchel. . . . Chick is back from Montana where he spent a very pleasant vacation with his brother. . . . Jack Allen, well-known Toronto manager, is handling Dave Castilloux in his Buffalo appearances.

Here and There . . . The Fairview A.C. will run some shows on Wednesday nights hereafter. . . . The FAC formerly used Mondays exclusively. . . . Jack Singer and his Hudson A.C. will stage offerings on Tuesday nights. . . . Singer expects to use Lou Nova again in October. . . . The big Californian drew a good gate with Johnny Flynn in the open air and ought to do a lot better at Memorial Auditorium. . . . With the prospect of three gymnasiums operating, Buffalo should be a boom town for boxers. . . . Jack Singer has his big training place at Washington and North Division; Mickey McInerney has equipped a gym on Main Street near Tupper, and Bert Finch, veteran manager, announces that he, too, will have a gymnasium. . . . Finch has opened negotiations for 319 Main St., site of the old spot when Frankie Schoell and Lou Scozza were boxing under his management.

Jack Herman is planning the busiest wrestling season of his career and will operate every Friday night at the Auditorium. . . . Strange as it seems Charley Murray, promoter of boxing here for 35 years, makes no announcement of plans. . . . Murray is up to his neck in pro football and says boxing will have to wait. . . . Charlie is staging three National league games at Civic Stadium. . . . Eddie Sears, Chip Davis and Tommy McGlynn are getting all the referee assignments. . . . It appears as though the Democrats are out of luck.

Fistic Sparks . . . Charlie Pinto will take over Art Bagley's duties as director of bouts. . . . Charlie has been doing a lot of this work for years and knows the ropes. . . . Joe Netro expects a couple of money bouts for his charge, Billy Nitchy. One match that would draw in Buffalo would bring together Nitchy and Lee Oma. . . . Jake LaMotta, hard-hitting Detroit lightweight, will also appear in a Buffalo ring early this fall. . . . All working officials around here now seem to be Republicans.

New fight clubs are scheduled for Rochester and Jamestown. . . . Tommy Moore will be the Jimtown boss. . . . Playfair Brown, well-known Toronto promoter, has been discharged by the Canadian army. . . . Playfair may get back in the fight promotion business after the war. . . . Sammy Angott or Ike Williams against Johnny Greene would pack our big auditorium. . . . One boxing judge who is missed is George Needham, one of the best. . . . Needham has had few assignments since new Republican judges received licenses. . . . Chick Johnson says Young Huddy is the world's worst driver and Huddy declares Johnson drives strictly from the back seat. . . . The twain, back from a Montana jaunt, good-naturedly kid each other about their trip. . . . Anse Carroll continues to make good as a boxing judge. . . . His decisions have been very fair to all.

## IN SYRACUSE RINGS
### By BILLY SHAW

PRO boxing returned to Syracuse the night of August 28 under the Onondaga Sports, Inc., banner, and 2200 fans were treated to a splendid card despite the fact that intermittent showers soaked the fighters, and had the fans running back and forth to the stands. Staged at MacArthur Stadium, the initial card showed Johnny Greene, slick, fast-moving Buffalo Negro welterweight, the winner over Tony Reno, Chicago slugger, at the end of ten fast rounds.

There was not a dull moment in the entire scrap as both boys waded into each other firing continually. Greene had Reno hurt in the fourth and sixth, but Tony came back strong and was giving Greene a stiff argument in the closing sessions but could not overcome Johnny's early lead. Johnny Cool, Worcester, Mass., lightweight, lost to Joe Miller, Buffalo, in the eight-round semi-final. Eddie Pagan, Binghamton middleweight, notched up his fifth straight win since turning pro by defeating Nelson Hawkins, Cleveland, in six. Irish Johnny Long, Corning welter, knocked out Sonny Hampton, Buffalo, in three rounds; while Johnny Taylor, Binghamton welter, and Fred Patterson, Rochester, drew in four. Vic Belanger, Utica, took the nod over Nelson Thorpe, Buffalo welter, in a rousing four-round opener.

The new club came back with another thrilling show September 4. Joey Curcio, hard-hitting Newark welterweight, outpointed Johnny Greene, Buffalo, in one of the greatest eight-round battles seen here in a long time. The 3000 fans who attended this card were on their feet throughout the scrap as the boys shelled it out, toe-to-toe. Although Curcio won and made a big hit, Greene never stopped trying and was always dangerous.

Another sensational contest had Petey Virgin, Schenectady featherweight, fighting out of Garfield, N. J., winning over Johnny Montreal, stocky, hard socking Buffalo belter, in the eight-round semi-final. Like the windup, this was a masterpiece of action with the principals banging away every inch of the way. A whirlwind finish enabled Virgin to crown himself with glory as well as the decision.

In the prelims, Johnny Wilson, classy local Negro welter, knocked out Billy Adams, Worcester, Mass., in the first round. Joey Kushner, Syracuse featherweight dynamiter, kayoed Steve Bellus, London, Ont., in the second; while Fred Patterson, Rochester, and Vic Belanger, Utica, welter, drew in a four-rounder.

The new club is made up of C. M. Schindler, owner of the Syracuse Chiefs of the International League, Paul Swiderski, former heavyweight boxer, and Billy Leonard, one-time welter and middleweight contender. Your correspondent is aiding as co-matchmaker and publicity director.

Left-Hooks: The new local club intends to run weekly shows all winter long and will make an announcement of its indoor spot next month . . . Gabe Genovese has opened his new restaurant, which he calls the Red Devil, and is packing them in with good food and drinks. . . . A colorful character, Gabe is the man who piloted Babe Risko to the middleweight crown a few years back . . . Your scribe's favorite topic, Lt. Billy Shaw, Jr., is Somewhere in England at this writing piloting a Fortress . . . Harry Hitlian, Worcester, Mass., fight manager, has good connections here . . . The busiest man in Syracuse these days is Paul Swiderski, the matchmaker . . . Paul places on the average 20 to 25 long-distance calls a day booking shows far ahead . . . Johnny Wilson is one of the best looking Negro boxers uncovered locally in years . . . Tony Tomacci seconded Joey Curcio against Johnny Greene and did his usual fine job . . . Jack Pyne, Blasdel fight manager, has more work than he can handle for Greene . . . Lou Alpert is making matches for the Utica Club . . . Rome has had two swell amateur shows, Carmen Sepello, Schenectady, stopped Booker Halsey in the third on one and beat Frankie Piccollo, Amsterdam middleweight, in the second . . . Phil Vinci and Ralph DiCastro, former boxers, operate the Rome club and are doing a splendid job . . . Mrs. Frankie Adams, wife of the sergeant, is overjoyed that her husband who was missing in action is reported alive, though a prisoner of war . . . Jimmy Fittipaldi is teaching the Seabees boxing at Camp Endicott.

Fighters seeking bouts here are urged to contact the writer at 503 Fellows Ave., Syracuse 10, New York.

## CANADIAN TOPICS
### By LAWSON BAMPTON

DAVE CASTILLOUX, brilliant Montreal boxer who wears the Canadian lightweight and welterweight crowns, delighted local fandom in the latter stages of his ten-round bout with Santiago Sosa, Cuban lightweight king, when he turned fighter and cut loose with volleys of sharp, solid clouts that jolted the rough, tough Cuban no little. After outboxing the Cuban in a hard, gruelling battle most of the way, Castilloux opened up with timely two-fisted barrages to prove conclusively that he was the Cuban's master. His classy display, topped by his spectacular finish, indicated that Castilloux is back in first-class shape and ready to hook up with the best of the top-notchers among whom he is rated again.

This colorful bout headlined Promoter Harry Ship's second outdoor offering at the Baseball Stadium and an unusually good supporting card marked it as the best show seen here in years, even the press declaring it the best ever staged here. Ship's previous show, with Castilloux trouncing Pete Lello, was also a good one, so he is now two up on Eddie Quinn in their promotional feud. Quinn has Johnny Greco as his main attraction but the heavy hitting ex-soldier had weak opposition in Ernie (Cat) Robinson and Phil Enzenga, who succumbed too rapidly and meekly to suit local fans. The rival promoters staged their second shows two days apart and both drew fair crowds.

Three eight-rounders and a six-rounder provided plenty of fiery action in the supporting program of the Castilloux-Sosa battle. As expected, Jean Barriere, smart local featherweight, and Steve Kronis, Boston's belting Greek, staged the best battle of the night, winding up the show in ideal fashion by going on after the main event. Kronis went out after a knockout in the first round and probably punched himself out then, as he lacked the steam to follow up opportunities later on.

Gus Mell, Maurice Foreman's flashy Canadian featherweight champ, packed too many guns for Ted Finlay, left-hooking Winnipegger, in the semi-final though Finlay outboxed him in brief spots. Mell's harder punching slowed Finlay down to a walk in the closing rounds. The other eight-rounder was a slam-bang draw between Maurice Lavigne and dusky Ralph Walton. The Negro got away to an early lead. His constant jabbing had Lavigne's nose bleeding badly throughout but Lavigne kept piling in to gradually erase Walton's lead and was the stronger at the finish. Leo Methot and Sam Cynamen, local 130-pounders, battled to a draw in the six-round opener. Yep, it was the kind of show that boosts boxing.

Johnny Greco is taking longer than expected to get back to his best form, if he ever does. It will take more severe opposition than he's been getting—and then some!

Ernie (Cat) Robinson, a veteran campaigner who is nearing the end of the trail, went down for the count like a tame kitten in the fourth round after three sessions of catching and dodging, except for a brief flurry in the second round that roused the Forum gathering to its feet when he toppled Greco with a short left hook to the head. Greco was more surprised than hurt and after a bit of cautious manoeuvering he soon walked in swinging.

Greco's second victim was even tamer, with Phil Enzenga doing little else but paw weakly with a left hand and retreat. He was floored several times and finally took the count in the third while the crowd booed their disapproval.

Harry Jeffra, Baltimore's former holder of bantam- and featherweight titles, was the semi-finalist on both shows, stopping Domingo Diaz, a willing but green lad, in six heats, then outscoring Charley Noel in eight rounds. They would have been easy workouts for Jeffra a few years ago, but Harry is washed up now, still a smart, fast boxer, but lacking the fiery zip and sparkle of yore. Florian Bibeau, Canadian flyweight titlist who has outgrown the division, trounced Georgie Knox, Newark, in six rounds, then battled to a six-round draw with Henri Murray, local featherweight. Lew Alters kayoed Paul Powell in three, but the dusky Powell was a tired boy from two days of travelling, arriving the afternoon of the fights.

Bobby Gunther, Lew Diamond's Negro lightweight hope, was a popular performer on both of Quinn's cards. He flattened Norman See in two and Alex Doyle in three. Leo Methot whipped See in the opener on the second show.

Stray Shots . . . Wilfe Shanks was slated to meet Al Evans in a ten-rounder on the Castilloux-Sosa ballpark show, but Evans became ill while visiting in Halifax. Shanks is back in New York for a fall campaign. . . . Marcel Fournier, local 130-pounder who is a popular club fighter, is in New York with Roger Bourre. Both are handled by George Sheppard.

## IN THE NEW JERSEY CORNER
By HARRY MANSBACH

CLINT MILLER, 125, of Elizabeth, won Referee Oscar Lamb's nod over Frankie Leta, 131, of Irvington, in the feature eight-round bout at Twin City Bowl, Elizabeth. Miller, an 18-year-old high school student, had Leta in trouble with a right upper cut and in the sixth round had half-closed Leta's right eye. Lamb awarded six rounds to Miller and two to Leta. Johnny Williams, 138, of New York, took Referee Joe Mangold's decision over Jerry Coursol, 140, of Valley Stream, L. I., in a closely-fought semi-final six.

S/Sgt. Joe Prince hammered out a five-round decision over Tommy Anderson before 4500 fans at the Army Air Base's boxing show at Weequahic Park, Newark. The gathering was the largest of the season. Paul Cavalier, chief referee of the New Jersey Boxing Commission, was the third man in the ring. The contest was hard fought all the way with Anderson making a strong showing toward the close. Prince also won a war bond when voted the outstanding fighter of the night.

Jimmy Mason, of Camp Kilmer, a favorite of Weequahic fans, scored a two-round knockout over Bob Wimberly. Another kayo was posted by Hugh Murphy, also of Camp Kilmer, who beat Grady Lawrence of the Air Base in three rounds. Referee Mickey Rehrik stopped this bout when Lawrence announced he was too ill to continue.

Marvin Zachary, of the Air Base, came through impressively in a two-round knockout over Everett Chapman. Other bouts saw Ronnie Gray outpoint George Burrows. Johnny Maguire beat Johnny Mitchell and Robert Noonan and Paul Bowers battled to a draw.

This writer has compiled a complete listing of all New Jersey promoters, matchmakers, fight clubs, wrestling clubs, and their addresses and locations. Send twenty-five cents in coin or stamps and self-addressed envelope for list to Harry Mansbach, 37 Arlington St., Newark 2, N. J. Boxers who are willing to show around Jersey and Metropolitan New York and have no managerial ties, can contact same address. Enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope and previous record.

Three of the five fights on the card at Twin City Bowl ended in knockouts. In the featured eight-rounder Danny Kapilow, 144, N. Y., scored a technical knockout over LeRoy Saunders, 144, of N. Y., in 30 seconds of the third round. Charley Watkins, 140, of New York, got a T.K.O. over Fernand Demers, 146, of Montreal, in 1:30 of the second round of a scheduled six, and Bill Klaasen, 138, of Perth Amboy, knocked out Georgie Scott, 138, Bayonne, in 51 seconds of the first round of a four. Two other fights ended in a draw; an eight matching Patsy Spataro, 144, N. Y., and Johnny Williams, 139, N. Y., and a six in which Frankie Daniels, 139, of Newark, and Jimmy Mason, 136, of Camp Kilmer, were the contenders.

Jimmy Esposito, Golden Glove champ from Elizabeth, won a decision from Sylvester Williams, Diamond Belt Titleholder of Paterson, in the five-round feature bout of the Newark Army Base program at Weequahic Park. Three Paterson representatives won decisions during the evening as Bob Wimberly bested Jim Stanbach of Englewood. Ken Green got the nod over Ken Overlin, also of Englewood, and Gene Powers won from Bob Nichols of Hackensack. The war bond prize for the outstanding performance of the night went to Eddie Steel, a New Yorker, who scored a technical knockout triumph over Paterson's George Larry in a three-round engagement.

In the remainder of the bouts Roy Rogers, Hackensack, decisioned George Cherebin, N. Y. James Pryor, Newark Army Base, and Johnny Polk, Camp Kilmer, fought to a draw.

Tony Riccio, aggressive Bayonne 150-pounder, turned in a ten-round victory over the jumping jack from Brooklyn, Joe Matone, in the feature boxing event at Meadowbrook Bowl. The scrap was Riccio's first since his losing battle with Aaron Perry in the same ring. Matone, at 147, was fast and strong and while he got off to a flying start and also finished the last round in powerful style, he lagged in between. It was then that Riccio forged ahead to earn rounds on Referee Gene Roman's scorecard.

Shamus O'Brien, Philadelphia Negro, scored a two-round knockout over George Higgs of N. Y. O'Brien registered three knockdowns in the first round. O'Brien, as usual, boxed cleverly and punched hard and accurately.

Jackie Connors, Orange veteran, had little difficulty winning from Leon Kennedy of New York in their six-round match. Connors almost put Kennedy down in the second round. Connors weighed 144 and Kennedy, 145. George El Paso, of Richmond, Va., 179, was too powerful for Charlie Polk of Chicago, 172.

Roosevelt Thomas, 179, of Chicago, hammered out a six-round verdict over Charley Jones, of New York, in a closely contested battle. The crowd was 2,200 and the gate receipts $3,357.

Freddie Schott, Akron, O., heavyweight, knocked out Danny Cox of New York City in the main eight-round bout at Meadowbrook Bowl. Schott weighed 207; Cox, 191. It was easy for Schott all the way. The Akron slugger floored Cox for counts of nine and one in the first round and won the next two rounds leading up to the knockout in 2:43 of the fourth.

In another eight-rounder, Teddy Randolph, 175, N. Y., won by a technical knockout over Clarence Brown, 203, Chicago, in the seventh round. In a six-rounder, Clint Miller, Elizabeth featherweight, defeated Domingo Diaz, 127, Los Angeles. Miller weighed 124. Another six found Henry Jordan, 146, Philadelphia, outpointing Jimmy Green, 143, Trenton.

Bob Cavanaugh, popular manager, recently received a medical discharge from the Navy. He also got the Purple Heart. He has resumed boxing activities once again.

Oscar Goode, 176, Newark, took an easy decision from Newton Smith, 166, Philadelphia, in the featured eight-round bout at Twin City Bowl. Goode won six rounds, one even, and one round to Smith. Smith was a substitute for Clint Conway of Cleveland who was not permitted to fight by John Hall, state boxing commissioner, because of a head injury. Two six-rounders ended in decisions, Fernand Demers, 147, of Montreal, taking the nod over Willie Smith, 142, Newark, and Eddie Saunders, 160, N. Y., winning over Howard Burton, 150, of Valley Stream.

## NEW ORLEANS FISTIC DOPE
By BROADWAY JOHNNY COX

BERNARD DOCUSEN, 18-year-old Filipino lightweight, called a second Joe Mandot by veteran boxing scribes and fight fans, is the new Dixie pugilistic idol. Docusen engaged Nick Camarata, veteran New Orleans lightweight, in a gruelling six-round draw here on August 28. The Camarata battle marked Docusen's twelfth professional ring battle and Bernard figures to go far in the fight game. New Orleans has sadly needed a good local card and in Docusen, Promoter Louis Messina and Matchmaker Lew Raymond have the answer. The Docusen-Camarata bout netted a gate of $3800.00. The fight drew the largest gate here in months.

Two of the three New Orleans boxing critics voted Docusen the winner. Harry Martinez, of the New Orleans *States*, said that the Filipino was clearly entitled to the nod.

Due to Docusen's age, his managers, Whitey Esnault and this writer, have repeatedly stated that he is not ready for bouts over the six-round distance. The fact that Docusen and Camarata could draw a gate of $3800 in a six-round main event proves that New Orleans fans will support a youngster in six-round bouts who is not matured enough to travel a longer distance at present.

In a four-rounder on the Docusen-Camarata card Louis Rousse, local amateur middleweight, turned professional under the management of Arthur (Blue) Combel, recent addition to the local managerial crop. Combel is building up a stable of fighters.

Promoter Louis Messina had Phil Terranova and Guy Serean matched to fight here on September 11, and was figuring on a big gate as ten per cent of the gate was to be donated to the St. Mary's recreation center fund when Izzy Mattes, chairman of the Louisiana Athletic Commission, suddenly canceled the match stating that he did not consider Serean ready for Terranova yet.

Serean in his last start had knocked out Billy Miller, Pittsburgh, Pa., who had been the No. 10 lightweight challenger in THE RING Magazine. Terranova is rated the seventh featherweight challenger by THE RING.

On Friday night, September 15, Messina staged a match between Holman Williams, the Detroit, Mich., duration middleweight king and Louis "Kid" Cocoa, Peter Reilley's New England middleweight star. Holman and Cocoa have long been fistic idols here.

In Henry Hall, local Negro middleweight, and Melvin Bartholomew, local Negro lightweight, Messina has two up-and-coming fighters. Hall lost one decision to Otto Blackwell, Pittsburgh, Pa., and had previously defeated Blackwell.

Joe (Moon) Thomas, local former lightweight who fought Benny Leonard and Charley White, is recuperating from a hemorrhoid operation. Richard T. (Dick) Burke, twice president of the National Boxing Association, and for many years chairman of the Louisiana Athletic Commission, is recovering from a long illness and is up again. Dick had been laid up for several months. Burke was a mere youth when he witnessed the Corbett-Sullivan fight here in 1892. Mike Cusimano, former lightweight fighter, has developed into a competent third man and has been handling most of the important bouts staged here recently. Pete Herman, twice former bantam champion, was a very interested spectator at the hometown battle between Nick Camarata and Bernard Docusen. Sam Saia, Herman's constant companion and pal, gave blind Pete a blow-by-blow description as he does at every fighty they attend.

Promoters interested in using capable fighters can contact me at the DeSoto Hotel, New Orleans, La. Whitey Esnault and myself are partners in the best fistic stable in the South headed by Bernard Docusen.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE BOXING AND WRESTLING NOTES
By HENRY JOLLY

ON August 11 at Athletic Field in Manchester, N. H., before 2,000 fans, Frankie Ross, of Boston, and Oscar Suggs, of New Bedford, Mass., fought to a 10-round draw. It was a pleasing and fast bout. Ross was judged winner of the first, second, third and eighth rounds, while Suggs took the fourth, fifth, seventh and ninth rounds. Sixth and tenth were even.

In the semi-final of six rounds the decision went to Tony Campo, of Boston, Mass., in the fifth when the referee judged a foul against Joe Gillis, of Squantum, Mass. The foul was accidental. New Hampshire Rules direct the entire bout to the fouled fighter.

John Glancy, of Boston, took the decision over Kid Kernoyer, of Derry, in the other six-round bout. Al Plourde, of Suncook, lost the decision to Ralph (Wonder Boy) Maravilla, of Mexico City, in four rounds. Fred Landry, of Manchester, made his first step of his comeback when he was awarded the decision over Jesus Chivapina, of Mexico City, in the opening four-round bout.

Paul Frechette, 132, of Nashua, N. H., was stopped in the third round by Cleo Shans, 133, a real good boy.

Billy Constance, 122, of Dover, N. H., was outpointed recently by Johnny Coe, of New Bedford, in six rounds.

The most promising youngster in New Hampshire at present, is Larry Villeneuve, 147, of Berlin, N. H. He has engaged in ten pro fights, winning all, and is a protege of Paul Junior, of Lewiston, Maine, a very good lightweight of not long ago.

Manchester, N. H., Sporting Club had four good wrestling shows in August and they drew well.

On August 8th Jim Wallis and George Lennihan went to a 30-minute draw. Regi Siki lost to Jack Clayburn two out of three falls. Yvon Robert beat Frank Judson two out of three falls.

On the August 15th show, Art Grennon won over Count Von Zuppe in 16 minutes. Jack Clayburn lost the first fall to George Lennihan, but took the last two and the match. Dropkick Murphy took two straight falls to beat Manuel Cortez.

On August 20th, Count Von Zuppe defeated Walter Lipson, one fall. Manuel Cortez and Chuck Montana each won a fall, only to be both disqualified for the third fall. Jack Clayburn defeated Les Ryan in two straight falls.

On the last show held in Manchester in August, Les Ryan won over Count Von Zuppe in a one-fall match. Jack Clayburn and Tiger Tasher drew in a 60-minute match. Manuel Cortez defeated Chuck Montana two out of three falls.

Wrestling continues to go over big at the Rec in Swanzey, N. H., a suburb of Keene. On August 4th Alec Pappas, Arlington, Mass., beat Reg. Stimson of Waltham, Mass., in 14 minutes. Gus Johnson of Lowell, Mass., and Curley Lavoie of Malden, Mass., drew in 20 minutes. In the main event Johnny Koski, of Troy, N. H., defeated Frank Eident, of Worcester, Mass., taking two straight falls.

On August 11, Jack O'Brien, of Somerville, Mass., lost a special bout to Johnny Koski, of Troy, N. H. It was a time-limit bout of 20 minutes and the toughest bout of the night, Koski ending up with a bad cut over his right eye. Due to the failure of Tony Gaudette to appear Stanley Deckur, of Holyoke, Mass., did the iron man stunt—by defeating Charlie Strack of S. Acton, Mass., two out of three falls in the main bout—and in turn taking on Jack Marshall of Roslindale, Mass., in the semi-final bout only to lose to Marshall.

On August 18th, Johnny Koski of Troy, N. H., and Alex Pappas of Arlington, Mass., went to a 20-minute draw. In a special bout of boxer versus wrestler, Boxer Phil Minnishello of Lynn, Mass., and Wrestler Curley Lavoie of Malden, Mass., drew in four three-minute rounds. It was very exciting to watch but still unsettled as to which is better. In the main event Pat Schaeffer of Boston, Mass., won over Frank Eident of Worcester, Mass., two out of three falls.

The last show in August was a battle royal of six men and a humdinger. Ali Pasha of Hinsdale, N. H., finally was declared the winner over his five opponents in which he defeated Charlie Strack, Jack Marshall, Jack O'Brien, Reg Stimson and Gus Johnson. In trial bouts of 20 minutes each, Jack O'Brien, Somerville, Mass., beat Gus Johnson, Lowell, Mass. Charlie Strack, South Acton, Mass., beat Reg Stimson, Waltham, Mass. Jack Marshall, Roslindale, Mass., and Ali Pasha, Hinsdale, N. H., drew in 20 minutes.

## A CORRECTION

In a recent story by Fred Eisenstadt, the statement was made that Joe Reddick defeated "Mad Anthony" Jones. The fight should have been listed as a draw.

## KANSAS CITY AND VICINITY
By JUANITA YEARGAIN

MIDWEST wrestling centers are reopening this month. Wichita held its fall opening on Labor Day and Salina and Great Bend get under way with weekly matches soon. St. Joe, Topeka, Kansas City, Kas., and Emporia have held their weekly events throughout the summer months and report crowds have been the largest around these parts for several years.

Night training for amateur boxers at the Garrison Recreation Center has been facilitated since a new regulation ring has been installed in the club quarters, Fifth Street and Tracy Avenue. All other necessary equipment, including punching bags, are available. Odie Taylor will coach the boys.

Jules Schneider of the Recreation division coaching staff is handling training for Kansas City boxers at the Northeast American Youth Club, Ninth Street and Hardesty Avenue. In addition Schneider conducts physical fitness classes. Clarence Lee, who coaches boxing at Lykins Recreation Center Tuesdays and Thursdays, is assisting ringmen of the Northeast A. Y. C.

Professional wrestling has been introduced at the Play-Mor Rink in Kansas City, Mo., under the sponsorship of the city central committee of the American Legion. The first show was held on September 14. Newell Banks of the Play-Mor staff is serving as promoter.

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Two tons of fighters invaded Salina Air Field, August 30, when Smoky Hill boxing stalwarts campaigned to wrest pugilistic laurels from current titleholders.

King Benny Shell, of St. Louis, sounded his way to an easy T.K.O. in the first round over Andy Kirk of Rochester, N. Y.

Paul Mockler, light-heavyweight champion, of Elgin, Ill., drew a bye. Russ Neely, Chicago, served notice on Mockler that he was an able challenger for the light-heavy title by scoring a T.K.O. over Charlie Gensler of Kansas City, after one round.

A pair of capable middleweights, Earl Drummer, of Chester, Pa., and Mike Driscoll, of Boston, battled to a three-round draw and a rematch is in the making for this pair.

In an exhibition bout, lightweights Herb Louque of Baton Rogue, La., and Jimmy Davis, of New York City, gave Smoky Hill fans the best bout of the evening.

Sid Goldberg, Cleveland, wrestled the Masked Marvel to a ten-minute draw decision in the opening attraction of the evening.

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Pvt. Bus Breese, who with his brother, Babe Breese, used to be a familiar figure on the Midwest fight scene, is teaching combat conditioning to the Marines in San Diego. Bus specializes in tumbling, bayonet work, judo and hand-to-hand tactics, the most strenuous forms of exercise. Babe is also with the Marines in San Diego, teaching boxing to the recruits and staging fights each Saturday night. Pat O'Brien, the movie star, refereed Babe's last fight card.

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Chimes and church bells that rang out in Normandy in celebration of the liberation of a farm community by an American force recently were not the first clarion-like sounds of victory to the ears of Harry B. Murdock of Kansas City . . . clanging bells and victory are nothing new to him. . . . Known as Cap Harding a decade ago, the energetic boxer appeared in amateur boxing bouts at the International arena and later developed into a professional. Before entering the service he fought in the middleweight and later the light-heavyweight divisions.

Steve Brody, popular former Kansas City wrestler, has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps. Steve has seen action in the South Pacific for the past two and one-half years and has received several citations for bravery in battle. Friends of the smiling Brooklyn-born scrapper will be happy to know he has completely recovered from recent wounds received at Tarawa.

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T/Sgt. Harry Cohen, who appeared on wrestling programs in Kansas City and Topeka while on furlough from Mt. Home Army Air Base in Idaho, has been appointed senior instructor of physical training at his camp.

On August 16th, at Topeka's million-and-a-half-dollar arena, Orville Brown, well-known Kansas grappler, captured the M.W.A. heavyweight crown from Lee Wyckoff, durable war-worker, in a nip-and-tuck battle. Wyckoff has been a serious threat in his come-back efforts to regain the prized diadem.

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Jerry Meeker, efficient Wisconsin gripster, has returned to Midwest grappling circles after a successful tour of the East Coast. The Milwaukee scrapper has succeeded in eliminating some of the best heavyweights of matdom.

Ken Fenlon, who began his wrestling career as a Y.M.C.A. star and later won the National A.A.U. wrestling championship, has been exhausting considerable heavyweight talent in the Middlewest recently. Young Fenlon, formerly a light-heavyweight, turned to the heavier brigade a year ago.

Tom Zaharias, bludgeoner, youngest brother of the notorious Pueblo wrestling squad, has returned to this section following a tour of the South.

We received a letter from Terry Nolan, former Kansas City boxer, now in the United States Navy. The former light-heavyweight fighter writes: "As luck would have it, today I chanced on a RING Magazine. Boxing being my first love, I naturally devoured the pages of the magazine for news from home. . . . There are many boys over here who also have Kansas City in their hearts and we appreciate any detailed description of incidents at home and news of our home and news of our hometown boys. If we can't have a ringside seat, we'd like to read about it in THE RING."

While receiving his boot training at Farragut, Terry won considerable recognition in boxing there, having previously attained success in Hawaii while working with a construction company.

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Mr. and Mrs. Marion A. Kissinger recently received word from their son Pat Kissinger, well-known Kansas City boxer who has been a prisoner of war in the Philippine Islands since the fall of Bataan. It was the first information they had had in over a year. He writes: "I'm interned in Philippines Military Prison No. 8, and my health is excellent. My dear Mom and Dad, my prayer each day is for your health and safety as well as that of my son. I'm in perfect health and certain that God and His Mother will bring me through, and please watch Paddy for me. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all."

Pat has two brothers, also boxers in service. Ed Kissinger, with the paratroopers in North Carolina, and Cpl. Marion A. Kissinger, Fort Riley, Kansas.

News items are always welcome. Address Juanita Yeargain, 710 Monroe, Topeka, Kas.

## LITTLE RHODY'S FISTIC HIGHLIGHTS
By EDMUND BECK

AT the Auditorium on August 14 Phil Terranova, 127¾, New York, lost the unanimous decision to Vince Dell 'Orto, 132, Philadelphia, in a ten-round bout, although Terranova entered the ring a one to five favorite and took the early rounds except the third, which he lost on a low blow. Dell 'Orto used a left to the face and a right uppercut effectively throughout the bout. The majority of the 1,315 who paid $2,352.30, approved the decision.

In a semi-final six-round bout, Cerefino Bronco, 152, Fall River, won a unanimous decision over Billy Campanelli, 160, Worcester. Campanelli floored Bronco for a nine-count in the fourth but Bronco won the remaining rounds and copped the duke.

In another six, Gene Boulden, Fox Point knock-out artist, added another knockout to his long list. His latest victim was Yankee Dooley, New York, whom he knocked out at 1:58 in the second round. Boulden weighed 147; Dooley, 147½.

Benny Andy, 136, Providence, beat Hiram Brown, 140½, Pascoag, in a six-rounder. Andy, a game and pleasing performer, is gaining many rooters in Providence.

Young Tiger Flowers, 141, Worcester, stopped Billy Wilson, 136, Providence, at 1:06 of the second round of a four-round curtain-raiser.

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Al Mancini, former featherweight contender from Providence, who was seriously hurt at the Walsh-Kaiser shipyard, is now fully recovered and back building ships for victory. Bobby Vitti's young protege, Sailor Bobby Zollo, who won numerous amateur titles, was in from Newport to witness the bouts at the Auditorium the other evening. Coast Guardsman Jimmy Foley informs me that he enjoyed my article "Boxing at the Providence Coast Guard Station" in the September issue of this magazine. Jimmy was formerly located at the local station for 18 months. Ray St. Lawrence, popular Pawtucket manager, informs me that Earl Lowman, giant Negro heavyweight, is looking for bigger and better heavyweights to fight. In his last fight he knocked out Jimmy Mulligan, who had compiled a string of 24 consecutive wins before clashing with Lowman. It is reported that Mulligan has retired from the fight game. Ray will shortly introduce to Providence Jimmy Dundee, a lightweight, who has been discharged from the U. S. Army after serving two years. Dundee is ready to tackle the best in the lightweight division.

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Promoter Dick McHale presented amateur boxing at the Elks Auditorium on August 16. A near capacity crowd was thrilled by the performances of the simon-pures. Phil Andrews, amateur bantamweight star of Providence, was again one of the outstanding performers of the evening. As in the previous tourney he captured the 118-pound crown. Many of the contestants were sailors and coast guardsmen from nearby camps who proved to be good fighters.

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Disheartening news of the death in France of one of Fox Point's very popular fighters reached us. I refer to the likeable Joe Perry who succumbed to wounds received in action in the Normandy invasion. For his skilful exhibition of boxing, Perry was presented with a medal by Joe Louis, while Joe was putting on a show in Europe.

What better way to keep up our service men's morale than to buy an extra copy of THE RING and mail it to the men in service, who have lost contact with the civilian way of life. They enjoy it and thank you!

Sam Silverman, popular former fight manager, now promoter of New England, is the busiest promoter in these parts. He can easily be referred to as the New England Mike Jacobs. He is an extremely ardent fight fan, usually witnessing as many as five shows a week.

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Since Cashman's policy of putting on a show every Monday night, Tommy Lang, proprietor of the Young Men's Gym on Atwells Ave., has had to renovate and enlarge his place to accommodate the extra influx of boxers.

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Managers of boxers interested in getting matches for their boys in New England may do so by getting in touch with this writer at 307 Wickenden St., Providence 3, R. I.

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On August 21, at the R. I. Auditorium, Ernie Forte, sharpshooting Providence welterweight, won his ninth consecutive victory by kayoing Frankie Ross, promising Boston battler, in 1.41 of the fourth round of a scheduled ten-round co-featured bout.

Forte held the upper hand from the beginning, pounding Ross with rights and lefts to the body and head. In the fourth round Ernie floored Ross three times. Referee Tim Ferrick called a halt to the proceedings at that stage and awarded the bout to Forte on a T.K.O. Ross substituted for Verne Patterson.

Charlie Smith, Negro lightweight from New York, met a tartar in Danny Ardito, U. S. Navy, in the other ten. Ardito, a last minute substitute, fought gamely for six rounds, trading punches with the hard-hitting New Yorker. At the end of the sixth Ardito's handlers wouldn't allow him to continue because of ill effects of a hearty meal that evening. Ardito weighed 142; Smith, 135½. This was Ardito's second loss in twenty-six starts.

Mike "Butch" Lucas, 148, Providence, former stablemate of Billy Conn, now managed by Tony Petronella, kept his winning streak intact by scoring a three-round knockout over Johnny Marra, 154, Boston.

Mike is becoming a great favorite with the local fight fans. While in the ring Mike takes his work seriously always giving his best.

Ernie Guisti, 135½, of South County, defeated Hy Brown, 140½, Pascoag, in four rounds.

A crowd of 1381 persons paid $1981 to witness this Dave Cashman show.

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On August 28, at the R. I. Auditorium, Promoter Dave Cashman presented a 36-round boxing program for the enjoyment of 1105 customers who paid $1,557 for the privilege of seeing Verne Patterson, 152, of Chicago, score his second knockout in as many starts, stopping Phil Norman, 151½, Detroit Negro battler, midway in the fourth round of a scheduled ten-rounder.

A hard right to the jaw finally floored Norman and Referee Dolly Searle decided he had taken enough punishment for the evening. Norman substituted for Ernie Forte.

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In the other ten, Gene Boulden, 150½, of Providence, knockout artist, lost to Oscar Suggs, 148, of Newport, a veteran. Suggs' experience was too much for Boulden.

Mike "Butch" Lucas, 144, of Providence, contender for the New England welterweight crown, scored his seventh consecutive victory when he knocked out rugged Johnny Dougwillow, 146, of Lynn, in 2.46 of the fifth round.

Dougwillow received a badly cut eyelid, causing the referee to stop the bout.

In another six-rounder, Al Carpenter, 182, of Boston, knocked out Eddie Sylvia, 171, of Providence, in 2.42 of the first round.

In the opening bout Ernie Guisti, 136, of South County, defeated Buddy Lessard, 131, of Manchester, N. H., in four rounds.

## PORTLAND, OREGON, BOXING NOTES
By JACK McCALLUM

THE fourth Joey Dolan-Joe Robleto 15-round battle at Gonzaga Stadium, Spokane, on August 10, grossed $6,000. Dolan won a surprisingly easy decision over the Los Angeles Mexican boy, the fight lacking the fireworks that made their three previous scraps so sensational. Ringsiders gave Dolan 14 of the 15 rounds.

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On August 25, Joe Kahut, the Woodburn, Oregon, fighting farm boy, made the greatest fight of his boxing career when he knocked out Vern Earling in the 11th round of a thrilling bout that drew $11,915 worth of cash customers. The fight was staged in Multnomah Stadium, the boys fighting in a rainstorm that cut the gate in two or worse. But Joe Waterman is a believer in going on with the show, and it was a pip. Barney Ross, former lightweight and welterweight champion of the world, was the referee. By his victory over Vern Earling, Joe Kahut won the Pacific Coast light-heavyweight championship.

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Mike Belloise, the veteran featherweight New Yorker, upset the dope bucket by taking Joey Dolan to the cleaners at Spokane on Labor Day via the decision route in ten rounds. Mike floored the Spokane kid for a count in the second round and gave him quite a boxing lesson the rest of the way. Gate was $4,200.

# Camera Shot

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The pair clinched and wrestled about the ring. Jess sent two more lefts to the face and clinched again.

Round 24—The crowd yelled to the fighters to fight, but the men clinched. Willard laid weight on Johnson at every opportunity in the clinches. Johnson pushed Willard backward, the same as he did with Jeffries at Reno. Johnson missed with two weak swings. The crowd howled with disapproval. Willard smashed the Negro with a left to the face at the bell.

Round 25—Willard shook the Negro with a right to the heart. Willard clipped Johnson on the jaw with a fast left and tried forcing the pace. Johnson conserved every bit of energy. Willard again landed a left to the mouth and repeated, Johnson stepping around backward. At the bell he dropped heavily in his chair.

Round 26—Johnson rose slowly from his chair. Willard met him more than two-thirds of the way across the ring. Willard stabbed a long left into the Negro's face, sending his head bobbing back. Before the champion could recover his position Willard swung a smashing right, which landed full on Johnson's stomach.

Johnson was flung against the ropes and tried desperately to hang on to the Kansan. But Jess was much too strong. He flung him off and rushed again, forcing the Negro into Willard's corner, where the finish came. Johnson was slow in guarding, and his strong, youthful opponent hooked a swinging left to the body. The fading champion's legs quivered, and again the towering giant feinted for the body. Johnson dropped his guard, and Willard won the title with a quick, hard swing to the exact point of the jaw.

The Negro's knees folded up under him. He sank slowly to the floor and rolled over on his back, partly under the ropes. Welch waved Willard back and began to count. Up and down swung the referee's hand. Johnson did not move. His eyes were glassy, only the whites being visible. At the count of ten Welch turned and held up Willard's hand, and a new champion replaced Johnson, who was still stretched on the floor.

Time of round: 1.26.

# Nat Fleischer Says:

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CONNECTICUT'S Boxing Commissioner Frank S. Coskey, in his report to Governor Baldwin, informed the Chief Executive that during the fiscal year ending June 30, boxing grossed $220,655.31, a record for the Nutmeg State. Ninety-five professional shows were staged in boxing, 142 wrestling shows were held. Wrestling drew 107,878 persons who put $96,019.50 into the box office till. Amateur boxing, a peacetime crest of popularity, fell to the point where there were only eight shows with an attendance of only 3558 who paid $3118.64 to watch 67 bouts.

Taxes from the gross income of the three types of competition amounted to $13,480.46. License fees from managers, matchmakers, referees, announcers, seconds and timekeepers added $5903 to the commission's coffers for a total income of $19,383.46. Commissioner Coskey reported an excess over expenses and an excess of his appropriation over expenses of $2201.26.

The 95 professional boxing shows at which 478 bouts were staged, were held in six cities. Hartford held 41 cards, the greatest number. The number of bouts held in other cities were as follows: New Haven, 27; New Britain, 11; New London, 8; Norwich, 7, and Bridgeport, one. Eight amateur shows were split evenly between Hartford and New Britain.

Forty-six wrestling shows were held in New Haven, while Hartford and Bridgeport had 33 each. In New Britain there were 29 and in New London, one.

The Connecticut report shows what promoters were able to do even with a shortage of talent. Boxing can draw close to a quarter of a million with such poor caliber of boxing as we have seen in New York.

## Carnera Knocked Cold By Zulu in Italy

**FROM Johannesburg, South Africa, through Reuters News Agency, comes the following story:**

**Italian propaganda backfired recently when a Zulu soldier knocked out Primo Carnera, former world heavyweight champion, in a bout staged by the Fascists in Northern Italy to prove the superiority of their race over the African race. News of the event was brought by a comrade of the Zulu, Kay Masaki, who eventually escaped with Masaki.**

**The Fascists built a special ring and the bout was filmed. The Zulu, who never had a glove on his hands and knew nothing about boxing, was a huge fellow, strong as an ox, and it was figured that if Carnera could stop him, it would be good propaganda. Accordingly, Masaki was starved for three days and entered the ring weak and bewildered.**

**After Carnera had floored him with a right to the jaw, the Zulu, angered, leaped to his feet, swung from the ground up, and Carnera lay flat on his face, knocked cold.**

**Previously it had been reported that Carnera had been captured by the Fascists and executed, but he is alive and is in the hands of the Nazi adherents.**

# Marines Battle Weary

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coming into the Marines and doing right well as a lightweight is Corporal John C. Riddle, 20, of Main Street, Fullerton, Ky. Private First Class Vin Panetta, a trainer, said "the kid didn't know how to use his mitts, but caught on fast." The Corporal packs a demolition kit in each fist.

Another 20-year-old who fights for the love of it is Private First Class Dick McGinn, of 148 N Street, South Boston, Mass., a welterweight.

Bantam champ of Southern Ohio in 1938 and now fighting at 150 pounds is Private First Class James D. Wilson, 24, of 2173 Gilbert Avenue, Cincinnati, O. He has 25 amateur bouts behind him. Private First Class Thomas "Pancho" Padilla, 18, of 1000 West Taft Avenue, Albuquerque, N. M., is a welter and a guy who wants to get things over with from the start. Three of his four fights here were won by kayoes, the other by a decision.

Another scrapper, who fought in Down East Maine as "Kid Champagne" is Private First Class Joe C. Champagne, 22, of 89 Mt. Vernon Avenue, Augusta, Maine, a lightweight. A machine gun instructor, he had fought six pro battles. Also from New England is Corporal Ed Ross, 22, of 86 Valley Street, Springfield, Vt., a lightweight, whose boxing experience was gained at his local high school. Ed is a machine gunner who is tops with the weapon and the gloves.

These Marines live hard and fight hard, giving and asking no quarter of the enemy. At the fights, they want to see the battlers slug it out. Which is just what the Leatherneck leather-pushers do.

## BALTIMORE, MD., FISTIC FARE

**By NATE PHILLIPS**

THE CENTURY CLUB presented a ten-round bout between Pedro Hernandez and Hubert Samuels. This started off at a whirlwind pace with both boys slugging it out, but then Samuels eased up, waiting for spots, and spoiled what otherwise would have been a good bout. The duke went to Hernandez.

The semi-final of six rounds saw two local boys, both of whom are now enjoying a win streak, Frankie Gillem and Maxie Starr, hook up in a war of their own that had the fans in a frenzy. When it was all over, a draw was the result. These two will no doubt be rematched, as it admittedly is a natural.

In sixes, Whitey Clark hooked up with Dan Biggers. One punch and Biggers was out. Al Blake hooked up with Bobby Thompson. This one went three when Blake stopped Bobby. The fourth six saw Buck Sweeney hook up with Young Lee Q. Murray. It was a humdinger as these two gamecocks went to work on each other with Sweeney getting the duke at the end. All in all a very good show.

The same club presented Holman Williams booked up with Joe Reddick in the main event of ten rounds. Joe couldn't cope with the cleverness of Holman who carried off the unanimous decision. In sizes, Georgie Williams fought Henry Jordan. It was a pier six brawl with George in pretty bad shape in the fourth, but Henry wasn't quite up to it, and George came back to win the duke. James Pratt and Johnny Ditto hooked up in a sixer. This also was a good battle with Pratt grabbing the duke. Two fours completed this card which was full of action from beginning to end.

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The Century Club, through George Goldberg, Lou Fisher and Max Waxman arranged an all-star boxing show for the Police Department of this city, to replenish the Widows' Fund, and the show produced over $100,000. About thirty thousand fans attended with Clem McCarthy at the mike on a national hook-up. The show opened up with Freddie Archer and Sammy Daniels in a ten-rounder. Bad handling on Daniels' part kept him from stopping Archer, whom he had in bad shape at one time. He didn't follow up his advantage, with the result that Archer came on again to make a great fight of it and carry off the duke.

Johnny Carter and Deacon Logan were then trotted out for a tenner. Johnny gave the Deacon a masterful boxing lesson to carry off the nod. The next ten-rounder saw Berlie Lanier tackle Coley Welch with Jack Dempsey the third man in the ring. After a very slow start, Berlie put on a little gas and finally caught up with Coley and the contest was called a draw. Many thought Berlie had won.

In the final ten, Johnny Walker drew with Vic Dellicurti. These two stood toe-to-toe most of the time.

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The Century also showed Cleo Shans and Victor Creelman in the main event of ten and after a slow first round, Shans went right to work on Victor. Cleo carried off the unanimous decision in a very good fight.

In sixes, Buck Sweeney surprised when he carried the fight to Harry Diduck to carry off the nod. In another six, Al Blake made it two in a row when he belted out Eddie Horton in the first of their scheduled sixer. In fours, Jimmy Fox won over Johnny Morrow, and Jimmy Butler and Leonard Mitchell fought to a standstill.

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After months of legal proceedings, the newly formed Arena Athletic Club with Fred Squires still at the helm, put on its first show, with an all-heavyweight card, using Carlin's Ice Palace as its home. In the feature, Johnny Flynn and Larry Lane battled for ten rounds with Flynn, a six-to-one underdog, taking the duke. Flynn, with an eighteen-pound pull in weight, kept a long left out at Lane and bothered him considerably. He piled up a good lead with his continual jabbing at Lane.

In the eight-round semi-final, Jimmy Shamus O'Brien won the unanimous duke over Tony Gillo who was content to catch instead of pitching a few innings. Whitey Clark, the local pride of the shipyard, stopped Jerry Zeller in forty seconds of the first. Jerry's eye was cut badly and the referee stopped the contest.

In another six, Jackie Murray won over Danny Risko in a very good fight. Both boys mixed it up to make it. In another six, Johnny White made quick work of his assignment when he belted out Lafayette Williams in the first. In two fours, Carrington McNutt won over Nick Manfredo and Soldier Jones belted out Frank Rose in the third.

At the Century Club Harry Bobo faced Buddy Walker in the feature event of ten rounds. In the first, a left hook sent Harry down for three. Up he came, only to be belted down again with a right to the button, and again he was up, only to be belted out for keeps the third time, in two-and-one-half minutes of the first round. In one six, Billy Nixon, a newcomer, won over the favored George Williams in a very good fight, and in the other six, a return affair, Maxie Starr won over Frankie Gillem, in a roughhouse battle that the fans enjoyed a whole lot.

In fours, Charlie Milan defeated Jimmy McElroy, and Eddie Collins won over Eddie Hot Dog Rice. With racing in town, a double-header baseball game between two contenders, and a pro football game that night, this show paid off on better than $4,000. Not bad.

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With two clubs now operating in Baltimore and two in Washington, the writer can get plenty of booking for good fighters. Contact Nate Phillips, 3825 Fairview Ave., Baltimore 16, Md.

# LT. MARTONE STRESSES MASS COMPETITION

*Lt. Johnny Martone, Former Pro Fighter and Dempsey's Sparring Partner, Is Opposed to Developing Star-Studded Service Teams*

*By* MARINE CORP. ERNIE HARWELL

ALTHOUGH an intimate of Jack Dempsey, Red Grange and other big names of the golden age of sports, Lt. John Martone of Greenbelt, Md., Coast Guard recreation officer at Camp Lejeune, maintains that athletic emphasis at military camps should be on intramural competition instead of star-studded service teams.

"Sports for the greatest number is what we should strive for now," he says. "The American boy is the greatest fighter in the world—because of sports. Every young American learns coordination in his life through football, baseball, basketball and other games. That's an opportunity which boys of other countries don't have, an opportunity of which I'd like to see every serviceman take advantage."

Born in Italy himself, Lt. Martone didn't have such an opportunity until his late teens. Then recognition came to him quickly. At the University of Illinois he boxed professionally and became a close friend of Bob Zuppke, football coach, and Suppke's greatest pupil, Harold (Red) Grange. After graduation, Martone was working out in Kid Howard's gym in Chicago when the Kid walked in with a yellow piece of paper in his hand.

"Martone," he said, "this wire's from Dempsey. He needs sparring partners to help him train for the Tunney fight in Philadelphia. What about it?" The answer was "Yes," and Martone spent the next month helping to condition the Manassa Mauler.

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AFTER the Dempsey troupe pulled out of their Hendersonville, N. C., training camp, W. L. (Young) Stribling moved in to train for the Paul Berlenbach fight, and Martone worked with him for several months. Then Dempsey called him to Saratoga Springs and later to Atlantic City, where he worked with Jack.

"Remarkable about Atlantic City," he observed. "I sparred with Dempsey there in the Elks building. About 15 years later, when I went to the Coast Guard Radio School in Atlantic City, the classes were in the same building."

In December, 1927, Martone's reputation earned him a shot at Ad Ruiz, the Mexican windmill, with the understanding that the winner would meet Vince Dundee for the middleweight crown. However, Martone lost, fought a few more times, and decided to quit the ring. His final professional bout was in Salt Lake City and he was kayoed.

After Martone quit boxing, he obtained a job as recreational director of the Tuxedo Park, N. Y., Tennis and Racket Club. There he met his wife, who was born in Scotland.

For the next five years he was personal trainer for Charles V. Paterno, New York real estate executive. In 1936 Martone went to Washington, where he became swimming instructor at the Wardman Park Hotel. He also maintained a health club at the hotel for two years.

LIEUTENANT MARTONE'S next-job was with the government, instructing the uniformed force of the United States Secret Service, and conditioning the White House police. On December 8, 1941, when President Roosevelt asked for a declaration of war, Martone—who had been named a secret service field agent—was stationed at the Senate elevator which took the President, Secretary of State Cordell Hull, Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Lord Beaverbrook, Mrs. Roosevelt and others to their seats.

A few months later, May 27, 1942, he joined the Coast Guard as a lieutenant, junior grade. He was sworn in by Comdr. (now Captain) Merlin O'Neill of Norfolk, Va., who is now his commanding officer at Courthouse Bay at Lejeune. Before coming to Lejeune, Lt. Martone saw service at Fort McHenry, Baltimore, and Atlantic City.

The job facing Lt. Martone here is not an easy one, since Coast Guard personnel is always on the move.

"I don't believe in subsidizing athletes," says Martone. "The boys' duties come first, their sports later."

His theories are in keeping with the policy of this camp, which recently set forth that there would be no camp football team this fall, but instead a complete intramural loop. Lt. Martone has produced several stars through intramural competition. Two of his outstanding boxers are Joe Varoll of New York City and Ernie Strandell of Waukegan, Ill. But to him, star making isn't important. He thinks we need athletics to develop and entertain all the men—not just a few.

At Camp Lejeune the lieutenant feels sports are a necessity. "Yes," he says, "we are isolated here, and the fellows have no other outlet for their energy."

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LIEUTENANT MARTONE was born in Sesto Canpano, Italy, and lived there 23 months. Meanwhile, his dad had left his Italian farm for new opportunities in America. John and his mother joined him here in 1905, settling at South Barre, Mass., where the elder Martone had obtained a job in a woolen mill. After starring in track, basketball and baseball at Henry Woods High School in Barre, Lt. Martone attended the University of Illinois. There he met many outstanding men who were to influence his athletic career. In addition to Bob Zuppke and Red Grange, he became friendly with Carl Lundgren, the famous baseball coach; Jim McMillen, football captain and later an outstanding pro wrestler, and Father John A. O'Brien, then Catholic chaplain, now at Notre Dame University.

Today Lt. Martone is doing a top-notch job at this base, teaching young men a little of what he learned in the golden era of sports and giving them an idea of the value of athletic competition in their American way of life.

## FISTIC FODDER

LOU MEYERS, manager of Santiago Sotera Rivera, about whom THE RING carried a piece in the last issue *in re* the use of more than one name, declares that the boy's correct name, his family name, is Rivera and that he had fought under the name of Sammy Rivers for some time, but later decided to use his own and now fights only under that name.

Jack Curley, manager of John Thomas, light-heavyweight who has just joined the army, complains that the Associated Press report which credited Laurient Bouchard with a knockout victory over his boy some months ago, was incorrect and that Bouchard had fought another Thomas, not John. John Thomas never fought Bouchard.

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In a recent story by Fred Eisenstadt, the statement was made that Joe Reddick defeated "Mad Anthony" Jones. The fight should have been listed as a draw.

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Leo Center, top light-heavyweight from Old Dixie, is now stationed at a Navy Receiving Station in the state of Washington. Leo is eager to get into action again and hopes to be permitted to take part in several bouts in the vicinity of his station.

# In Sunny California

By Harry Winkler

It seems as though everyone out here is trying to discover just how much of a beating the boxing game can stand up under. Some of the newspapers all but ignore the sport. The game has been blasted by both Athletic Commission officials and sport scribes. Mediocre prelim boys are often featured in big club main-events. Out-of-town palookas and "washed-up" fighters have been highly touted and pitted against good fighters; result, many one-round knockouts.

The three Southern California amateur clubs, which have been the main source of supply to the local professional prelim ranks, have barely been able to keep going the past year, due to the scarcity of talent. So the commission has recently granted licenses to three more clubs in this area. And of these six clubs, three of them were given permits to show on the same night.

And as though a hook to the boxing fan's stomach and a right under the heart of the amateur boxing promoter isn't enough, the gamblers must get in a few foul blows. The public knows that a gambling clique will kill a sport, yet the gamblers strut up and down the aisles in the Los Angeles arenas, brazenly doing their stuff.

But, in spite of these handicaps and abuses, the game manages to survive. Yes sir, the sport of boxing is a glutton for punishment!

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Fitzie Fitzpatrick and Watson Jones staged one of the most furiously fought scraps witnessed in these parts in many months on August 22. Ten thousand Los Angeles Olympic fans were in a frenzy for seven rounds. Not that the bout ended in the seventh, but, for some reason, the heavy hitting and all-out effort ceased in the last minute of that round. Jones probably had most of the fight punched out of him at this stage of the brawl, but Fitzie appeared to still have enough Vitamin B to finish Watson in either the eighth or ninth had he tried. But the Irishman did not make this effort and both appeared content to box lightly for the remainder of the bout.

But, man, Oh man, how those clouting cookies belted each other in those seven rounds! Fitzie proved to be the tougher of the two, for Jones punches just as hard as Fitzpatrick, and the Irishman stood up under the Negro's heavy wallops without showing signs of distress, while Watson was floored in the sixth and whiffed 'way across the ring in the seventh by the Virginian's hand grenades. Although both fighters showed respect for the other's dynamite by keeping his guard up and chin tucked in, they soon had the crowd on the edge of their seats.

Jones copped the opening heat, the only round he was credited with, when he stopped Fitzie in his tracks with a couple of left hooks to the jaw. Fitzpatrick carried the fight to the Negro in every round thereafter and copped the next four rounds with a body attack that took much of the steam out of Jones, although Watson fought back gamely and well, and the going was almost as close as it was rough.

In the sixth, Fitzie brought ten thousand yelling fans to their feet by knocking Jones off of his. A left hook dumped Watson on his pants as though he had been dropped from the roof, but the Negro battler jumped up without taking a count and tore into his foe with the ferocity of an enraged tiger and they slugged it out to the bell.

Again in the seventh, Fitzpatrick connected with a left hook to the chin that spun Jones through the air as if he were in the path of a tornado, the ring ropes being the only thing keeping Watson from being slapped against the far walls of the Auditorium. Jones came off the ropes full of fight and swapped punches for a spell, but that was Watson's last stand. He slowed down to a whisper near the end of the round and boxed mostly defensively thereafter. With Jones' backstaging it, Fitzie seemed to lose the desire for a kayo and was content to coast in. The decision of Referee Reggie Gilmore and both judges was unanimous. Fitzpatrick weighed 165, Jones, 163.

In supporting bouts Eli Golindo, 124, whipped Sonny Gomez, 124, in a six-round semi; Dub Bowen, 137, defeated Joey Savidan, 137, in four; Nolan Sharpe, 192, knocked out Otto Thomas, 191, in two; Jimmy Williams, 149, iced Al Fernandez, 150, in the second; Jack Walls, 143, decisioned Chick Laws, 137, in four.

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Enrique Bolanos, 126, Mexico City bellhop, upped his consecutive victories to fourteen in a contest (?) with Mike Grimaldo, 122, San Fernando, at the Wilmington Bowl on August 16. Bolanos wasted little time in getting to the business at hand, knocking the "set-up" over. He sunk a left hook into the tummy of the veteran preliminary fighter in the first round. That is all.

In other fights Mickey Romo, 118, won from Augie Rodriguez, 112 (6); Augie Soliz, 140, decisioned Paul Lassiter, 141 (6); Bob Farris, 150, and Bernie Flores, 149, drew (4); Soldier Rowe, 136, knocked out Levi Board, 135 (1).

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On August 18 Luis Castillo, Mexico City's mighty mite, reversed the decision in a rematch with Tony Olivera of San Francisco, in a ten-rounder at the Hollywood Bowl. The stocky Mexican champ ran up a big lead in the early rounds, winning six of the first seven heats with hard blows to the head, having Tony in trouble in the fourth and seventh rounds.

As in previous bouts, the powerfully built little Mex tired badly in the closing rounds, and as usual, Olivera made his fast finish, which garnered Tony the last three heats, but it was not enough to overcome his opponent's lead. Castillo weighed 118; Olivera, 121.

In the six-round semi, Jackie Ryan, 148, San Francisco, and Chino Rodriguez, 150, Mexico, fought to a draw. In the four-rounders, Major Jones, 131, classy Negro boy of Kansas City, stopped Jimmy Reynolds, 129, in the second; Henry Zamora, 132, and Anicito Madrid, 129, fought to a draw; Billy Smith, 160, decisioned Jack McBride, 164; Joe Guttierez, 134, and Danny Valdez, 132, tied.

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On July 31 Jorge Robles, 116, Mexico, copped the nod over Elwood Romero, 117, Sacramento, in a thrill-packed ten-rounder at the Ocean Park Arena.

In other bouts Ray Acosta, 170, defeated Russ Metcalf, 180, in four; Jake Stevens, 154, decisioned Charlie Dilworth, 152, in four; Mickey Hearn, 140, knocked out Himble, 144, in the first; Benny Salica, 147, outpointed Wilford Scott, 145, in four; Johnny Meadows, 144, T.K.O.'ed George Heredia, 146, in the fourth.

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Archie Moore, 171, heavy hitting Negro of San Diego, stiffened Louie Mays, 165, Des Moines veteran southpaw, on August 11, in the third round at the San Diego Coliseum. May put Moore on the canvas for a no-count in the first with a hard right to the head which caused Archie to show the Iowan a certain amount of respect, but this was Louie's only accomplishment of the evening. Having little defense, Mays was a sucker for Moore's left jabs. The Negro clouter backed Mays into a corner in the third and nailed him with a hard right on the chin which ended the affair right then.

Gregorio Escolona, Tia Juana, won over Anicito Madrid, Mexico City, by a T.K.O. in the sixth of the semi.

In the fours Jimmy Hatmaker, El Centro, won in an exciting scrap with Coco Ybarra, Mexico City; Bill Bolton, 217, mauled his way to a win over Sgt. Sanchez, Mexican Army; Tiger Hodges, 155, defeated Frank Calzo; Art Taylor K.O.'ed Vance Guthrie, in the third.

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Fitzie Fitzpatrick hard-hitting Harp of West Virginia, has definitely "gone to town." In this case, Los Angeles. His quick kayoes over a number of prelim scrappers aroused considerable interest among Los Angeles fans, who packed the Olympic to see him get the "acid test" in a battle with Watson Jones, local Negro chloroformer. Fitzie's defeat of the dangerous Negro has made the rugged Irishman the hottest fistic attraction in these parts at this writing.

Fitzpatrick's punching powers, stout heart, ability to take it and aggressive tactics, are just what the fans love in a fighter. He reminds the faithful of such scrappers as Mickey Walker, Billy Papke, Ace Hudkins, etc. Fitzie is due to make some real money in this sunny clime.

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As I have said before, Manuel Ortiz is just as good a fighter as he wishes to be. I believe that this little Mexican gentleman could have gone down in fistic history as one of the game's greatest bantams, had it been his wish. Not that the little champ is an in-and-outer, but he does not always have his "blood up," and on these occasions, he is content to allow an opponent to go the distance with him. Whereas, if Manuel desires to win handily and as quickly as possible, he is capable of stopping any of our present-day bantams in a few rounds.

Ortiz was in this latter mood in facing Enrique Bolanos in a scheduled ten-rounder at the Los Angeles Olympic on August 29. The bantam champion handed the Mexican City bellhop an unmerciful beating, stopping his game foe in the sixth round. Ortiz started slowly and Bolanos held him even in the opening round. Manuel came out punching in the second and punished Bolanos with left hooks to both head and body, and staggered Enrique with a right to the jaw. The same fast action continued throughout the next three rounds, with Bolanos on the receiving end of a severe shellacking, but the invader fought back gamely and was proving to be a rather tough hombre, for Ortiz was punching hard and often.

Ortiz staggered Bolanos into a corner in the sixth, where he rained lefts and rights on Enrique's jaw, dropping him for a nine-count. Bolanos arose weak and dizzy, and attempted to fight back, but two more blows to the jaw put him back on the canvas and the fight was declared over. Ortiz weighed 123, Bolanos, 126.

In supporting bouts Major Jones, 135, Negro youth of Kansas City, chalked up a very creditable win in copping the decision over Jorge Morelia, 137, veteran of Mexico, in the six-round semi. Jones tired near the end, but he had dumped Morelia in the resin on three occasions in the early rounds.

Sonny Hill, 135, Los Angeles, and Torpedo Reed, 141, Watts, drew in four; Trini Ortiz, 118, El Centro, brother of Manuel, and Frankie Comacho, 116, went to a technical draw, when a cut caused the bout to be halted in the second; Bob Farris, 150, T.K.O.'ed Jimmy Hatmaker, 142, San Diego, in the second; Julio Franco, 134, Bakersfield, defeated Jerry Harmon, 138, in four; Augie Rodriguez, 115, beat Ponce Jurado, 118, San Fernando, in the opener.

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Making his first Pacific Coast appearance on August 21, Kid Vera Cruz, 123, punched out a ten-round decision over Pee Wee Lewis, Baltimore Negro, at the Ocean Park Arena.

In other bouts Tito Despaigne, 140, Panama, knocked out Jerry Harmon, 137 (3); Gene Rooney, 135, decisioned Luis Salas, 133 (4); Pee Wee Swingler, 122, disposed of Nino Espinosa, 123 (3); Ray McNally, 141, defeated Al Hall (4); Jack Walls, 140, stopped Wilfred Scott, 140 (1).

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The feud between Bobby Yeager and Chuey Figueroa, Los Angeles rivals, is probably ended, with Yeager the satisfied one. Figueroa, too, should be willing to call it quits, for Chuey is a fine-looking boy, and he is getting his features messed up in these clashes with the Negro boxer. This third meeting was won by Yeager on a T.K.O. in the fifth round at the Hollywood Stadium on August 4.

They boxed three fast rounds on even terms. In the fourth, Yeager opened a cut over Figueroa's eyes which bled profusely and bothered Chuey no little. Midway in the fifth, Bobby landed a hard right on Chuey's nose that caused the Mexican great pain and prompted him to give up. Yeager weighed 135; Figueroa, 133.

In the six-rounder, Paco Villa, 127, Mexico, defeated Ralph Lara, 128, Pasadena. In the four-rounders, Ray Vargas, 138, decisioned Torpedo Reed, 141; Augie Rodriguez, 112, and Benny Cousins, 113, met for the 'steenth time, the bout ending in a draw; Charlie Dilworth, 150, won from Billy Shaw, 146; Henry Zamora, 129, and Anicito Madrid, 125, ended up even.

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John Thomas, classy Negro lightweight of Los Angeles, added his leather autograph to the much-abused body of Mexican Joey Silva, in a ten-rounder at the Wilmington Bowl on August 2. Thomas didn't stop the game Mexican (many of our best fighters couldn't do that), but John gave the tough "catcher" a lacing in every one of the ten rounds. It is a shame that such matches as these have to be made. Or, do they? Each weighed 139.

In other bouts Cruz Flores, 129, decisioned Al Miller, 130 (6); Augie Soliz, 140, trounced Carl Dulano, 143 (4); Nat Gibson, 157, decisioned Jake Stevens, 155 (4); Spider Dulano, 158, whipped Fred Leemans, 152 (4); Mickey Hearn, 140, stopped Eddie Ryan, 145 (2).

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Freddie Dixon, Phoenix, Ariz., made short work of Ben Evans of Oklahoma, stopping the Okie in the first round of a scheduled ten at the Olympic Auditorium on August 15. I don't know whether Evans can fight or not. He was highly touted but that means nothing these days. But I do know that Dixon can fight, and the Negro veteran convinced Evans of that fact within two minutes of the opening gong. After hitting the Oklahoman at will, Dixon dropped a short right on Ben's chin that put him down for the count. Dixon weighed 147; Evans, 144.

In the prelims Art Barron, 137, scored a T.K.O. in the third over Ray Vargas, 137, when the latter suffered a cut eye. Barron had been floored for an eight-count in the second. Ray Acosta, 169 (yeah, the same one who was boxing when you were a little boy), stopped Leonard Nix, 173, in the first round; Bobby Jackson, 130, decisioned Freddie Taylor, 133, in four; Joe Marlo, 138, defeated Billy Tahan, 139, in four; Pee Wee Swingler, 124, and Stanley Jamison, 124, boxed to a draw in the opener.

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Lupe Gonzales of Mexico won easily over Billy Tierney of Cleveland in a ten-rounder at the San Diego Coliseum on August 25. The bout was a drab affair for eight rounds, as Tierney, a substitute for Mike Belloise, would do no leading and continually tied Lupe up when in close, while Gonzales is a counter-puncher. Tierney became aggressive in the ninth canto, and Bill was credited with the last two rounds, but he had dropped all previous heats by his reluctance to lead.

Jorge Rodriguez, 148, Tia Juana, was awarded an unpopular decision over Coco Ybarra of Mexico City, in a six-rounder. Although floored in the fourth the crowd thought that Ybarra rated the duke. In another six, Ray Montoya was given the nod over Angel Lopez. It had been a slugfest. Sgt. Sanchez stopped Gunner Burke in the fourth, when the Gunner ran out of ammunition. Tiger Hodges T.K.O.'ed Irish McMorris in the second.

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In two ten-rounders at the Hollywood Stadium on August 11, Matt Oglesby, 139, Los Angeles,

pounded out a surprise win over Eddie Hudson, 134, San Francisco, and Nick Moran, 141, Mexico, copped the win over Joey Barnum, 139, Culver City.

The Oglesby-Hudson go was an exciting one. With Hudson far out in front at the end of the eighth, Oglesby scored knockdowns in both the ninth and tenth rounds, to receive a split decision. Hudson was down for nine in the ninth and had a tough time staying the round out. Eddie was spilled just before the finish bell.

Moran outboxed Barnum most of the way in a bout that lacked thrills, due to Barnum's reluctance to mix it. There were some fireworks in the ninth, heat, however, when both boxers were staggered from rights to the jaw.

In the prelims Junior Washington, 159, won over Willie Collins, 156 (4); Bob Farris, 149, T.K.O.'ed Ralph Lee, 154 (2); Johnny Gonzales, 131, bested Danny Valdez, 131 (4).

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At the start of this column I made mention of mismatches being dished up to the Los Angeles fans. But there have also been some great scraps staged in this city during these same months, most of them taking place at the Olympic. Readers of this column in past years will recall that this writer was almost always praising the Hollywood Stadium fights. Well, that was the situation in those days. Matchmaker Charlie MacDonald was putting on the best weekly fights to be seen in this country. But it is not so today.

It is Matchmaker Babe McCoy of the Olympic who is giving Los Angeles the thrillers, the "much-talked-of" bouts and "naturals" this year. No, McCoy isn't batting any .1000, as that isn't being done in the fight game. Babe, too, has palmed off a few of the "inflated visitors" on us (not wanting to go dark, I presume), but he has also made many more matches that had the spectators shadow-boxing throughout. Babe has also, with the help of Bill Miller (champion of all fight-publicity men), pulled in crowds of 10,000 on numerous occasions, and has chalked up some of the largest gates in the big club's history.

This is just to keep the records straight.

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Archie Moore, 170, San Diego, knocked out Jimmy Hayden, 160, New York, in the fifth round at the San Diego Coliseum on August 18. Moore was much too much for the powder-puff puncher of the East. Archie chopped his opponent up with stiff jabs for four rounds, then tore out in the fifth to finish him, and did. A volley of lefts and rights put Hayden in the dust. Jimmy regained his feet, but soon went down again for the evening, from body blows.

Louie Mays, 165, Des Moines veteran southpaw, was floored in the opening round by Bill Campbell, 175, of Imperial, and the Iowan had a stormy time lasting the round out. But Mays came back to outsmart and outpunch Campbell for the remaining five rounds and the decision.

Two of the three prelims were stopped and declared draws because of cuts caused from butts. A bout between Jimmy Hatmaker, 142, and Jack Fernandez was stopped in the opening round, as was a clash between Ed Wynn and Tiger Hodges. Speedy Cannon shellacked Chick Musgrove in four.

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Louie Wise, much-improved Negro boxer of Los Angeles, gave the Bay District fans something to talk about by winning over Tommy Leonard, Culver City's pride and joy, in a ten-rounder at the Ocean Park Arena on August 14. Leonard (his real name) has been boxing under the nom de plume of Tommy Garland, and had not been defeated in four years. We wonder if Tommy shouldn't have kept his Garland moniker? Wise weighed 165; Leonard, 171.

In supporting bouts Gilbert Whiteside, 143, T.K.O.'ed Speedy Cannon, 150 (3); Paul Lassiter, 138, defeated Chick Laws, 137 (4); Jack Walls, 142, disposed of Mickey Hearn, 144, in just 11 seconds. Yeah, that's right, 11 seconds! Frisco James, 164, and Billy Jones, 155, drew (4); Bernie Flores, 148, won over Clint Campbell, 152 (4).

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Had John Thomas been left a fortune by a rich aunt, he couldn't have felt any better over it than he did when his glove was hoisted, with Aldo Spoldi on the canvas. For, as that clever publicity purveyor, Bill Miller, so aptly put it, Thomas had "expunged a stain from his escutcheon." This happy moment in the Negro boxer's life occurred in the seventh round at the Los Angeles Olympic on August 18. It was Spoldi who had so hurt Thomas' prestige by decisively outpointing John at the Olympic a year ago, in what was the biggest upset in California last year.

However, Thomas' win over Spoldi was a rather hollow one as far as the spectators were concerned, for the veteran appeared to be about washed-up, and before the finish he was falling down without even being hit. Spoldi made a fight of it for three rounds, having the better of these early heats, but Thomas gave the New Yorker a thumping in the fourth and fifth rounds, and Aldo was no competition from then on. Spoldi was down three times in the sixth, mostly from body blows. The Italian did a regular elevator act in the seventh, and Referee Benny Whitman, tired of counting, raised the Negro boxer's arm. Each weighed 138.

In the six-round semi, Art Aragon, 130, continued his winning streak by outpointing Lou Bernal, 132. In the fours, Major Jones, 135, whipped Torrito Ramos, 139; George Fulton, 162, defeated Jack McBride, 170; Tino Leon, 136, won over Danny Valdez, 132; Benny Cousins, 114, decisioned Augie Rodriguez, 112. (What, again?)

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On August 23, Kenny Watkins, 162, clever Negro of Los Angeles, had too much on the ball for Sgt. Gaston Miller, 165, in their ten-rounder at the Wilmington Bowl. The colorful swashbuckling pride of the Army Air Force ran true to form in making it an exciting scrap. Miller climbed off the floor from a nine-count in the second round and battled gallantly to the very end, but Watkins was too cool and ringwise for the Sarge.

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In other bouts, Gene Rooney, 135, whipped Johnny Gonzales, 133, in a six; Johnny Meadows, 143, decisioned Al Hall, 141, in four; Billy Jones, 154, knocked out Fred Leemans, 152, in the first; Jack McBride, 165, beat Lefty Kovac, 168, in four.

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When Announcer Dan Tobey bellowed out that the ten-rounder between Matt Oglesby and Eddie Hudson had been declared a draw, the Hollywood Stadium crowd sat flabbergasted on August 25. The guy next to me exclaimed, "If I saw that Oglesby fall in a sewer wearing overalls, I'd lay two-to-one he would come out dressed in a tuxedo." Well, that gives you a faint idea of what the decision was like.

Hudson not only won seven of the ten rounds, he all but finished Oglesby in the seventh, having him down for a nine-count. Knowing that he was a mile behind, Oglesby made a desperate attempt (as he did in two previous wins over Hudson) to pull the fight out of the fire by connecting with his potent right paw. And Matthew did rock the 'Frisco boy a few times to garner two of the last three heats, but as to getting a draw for landing a few solid blows after being on the receiving end for six of the seven previous rounds, well, the fistic judges should be informed that this early giving of Christmas presents is only for the boys at the front. Hudson weighed 135; Oglesby, 137.

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Baby Gonzales, 127, Mexico, won handily over Harry Cole, 129, in the six-round semi. The rugged little Mexican put the Negro boy on the canvas for a nine-count in the fifth, and was credited with every round.

In the four-rounders, Capt. Steve Ludman, 193, and Nolan Sharp, 189, brawled to a draw; Johnny Meadows, 145, knocked out Henry Grayson, 149, in two; Gene Rooney, 135, and Danny Valdez, 131, ended in a dead heat; Bob Farris, 150, and Speedy Cannon, 147, were tossed out of the ring.

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We still have "quickies" out here in Hollywood. They used to be turned out by the smaller studios for the movie fans. They are now dished up by the larger arenas for the boxing fans. The most recent one featured Jack Chase, former state middleweight king, and Larry Anzalone of New York, publicized as "one of the best in the country." Could it be that the press agent had a sense of humor and that the "in the country" meant just that, and that Larry probably wasn't so good in the cities? At any rate, Anzalone wasn't so good in the Movie City, being iced in the first round by the Negro boxer on September 1.

Chase is good, and doesn't figure to be beaten by an opponent who has been defeated no less than fifteen times, but Jack seldom stops his foes, which makes Anzalone's performance a poor one. Chase first put the Italian down for a seven-count, then stowed him away for keeps in just 2:30 of the opening round. Chase tipped the beam at 161; Anzalone, 157.

Frankie Angustain, 154, promising Mexican boy, flattened Lane Hale, 160, Negro clouter, in the last minute of their six-round setto. They had fought on rather even terms up until Lane was tagged with a short right to the chin.

In other fights, Tino Leon, 137, decisioned Chick Laws, 136, in four; Willie Collins, 160, won from Alonzo Williams, 155, in four; Stanley Jamison, 124, boxed a draw with Anicito Madrid, 128; Augie Rodriguez, 114, decisioned Benny Cousins, 113. (Aw, will you boys please fight someone else?)

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Neva Esparza, Tia Juana butcher, won with plenty to spare over Bill Tierney of Cleveland, in a ten-rounder at the San Diego Coliseum on August 14. The Clevelander dropped every one of the first seven heats by remaining on the defensive, but he threw caution to the four winds in the eighth and tore into the Mexican. Billy rocked Esparza with rights to the jaw and was doing okeh, but he ran out of gas before the end of the round. They exchanged punches on even terms in the ninth, but Tierney again went back to guard duty in the final heat to drop the decision by a wide margin.

Jorge Rodriguez, Mexico, and Joe Joy, San Diego, battled to a draw in the six-round semi. Bill Bolton, 215, T.K.O.'ed the veteran Jim Chick, in the third; Frank Calzo won by T.K.O. from Tiny Thomas, in the third; Ray Montoya nodded Nino Espinosa in four.

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Fitzie Fitzpatrick of West Virginia, via Cleveland, took a run down to the harbor to see the docks, fishing boats, etc., and add to his California knockout list by belting out John Donnelly, Kansas City Negro, at the Wilmington Bowl on August 9. Having finished his sight-seeing, Fitzie was anxious to get back to Los Angeles, so he tore into Donnelly at the opening bell. A barrage to the head brought up the Negro's guard, and a solid blow to the body put him on the canvas for the full count. Donnelly's handlers claimed the blow was a low one, but the club physician said no. It was the fourth one-round kayo that the rugged Irishman has scored since invading California. Fitzie scaled 170; Donnelly, 182.

In supporting bouts Eddie White, 199, decisioned Capt. Steve Ludman, 193 (6); Bob Farris, 150, stopped Fred Leemans (1) (Everybody is doing it); Augie Solis, 140, defeated Paul Lassiter, 141 (4); Jake Stevens, 155, floored Charlie Dilworth in every round in winning the opener (4).

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The California climate probably doesn't agree with Ben Evans of Oklahoma City, for 'tis said that Evans chalked up 18 straight wins before heading for the Coast, but he has been beaten in both his starts out here. Nick Moran of Mexico is the second boxer to chalk up a black mark on the Okie's nice record. Moran (don't let the moniker fool you, for the only thing Irish about him is his manager, Mike McNulty), bested Evans in a ten-rounder at the Ocean Park Arena on August 28. Moran weighed 141; Evans, 144.

In other fights, Tito Despaigne, 140, chilled Jack Walls, 141, in the first round; Wilford Scott, 138, disposed of Ray McNally, 135, in the third; Benny Cousins, 113, stopped Brownie Morris, 114, in the first heat; Billy Jones, 150, knocked out Clint Campbell, 149, in round one; Frisco James, 163, iced Benny Wilson, 158, in the first session; Barney Lee, 142, T.K.O.'ed Al Hall, 140, in three.

The editor has suggested that I write up, even if only briefly, some of the California fights that were not published in last month's RING, because of this writer's illness. The boss figures that many of the California boys in the service will want to know of these bouts, and after all, during these times, we are writing this dope more for you fellows in the Army and Navy than for anyone else.

And do you boys know that Nat Fleischer has probably given more of his time, over a longer period, and donated more equipment for the benefit of you fellows in the service, than any other individual in this country? And I happen to know that the extra work and long hours that he has devoted to your interest has put him on the sick list a number of times.

Every one of you soldiers and sailors who read this should pass the information along to your buddies.

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As I was ill last month, and couldn't send in the July report, am doing so now, just to keep the records straight for those who follow California boxing. Here they are:

Henry Armstrong, 137, and Slugger White, 141, waged a furious ten-round draw at the Hollywood Stadium. It was a Service Sports benefit show, which attracted a $22,000 gate. The Negro battlers stood toe-to-toe throughout, with nary a clinch, having the packed house in a lather. The piston-punching Negro of Baltimore scored five blows to Hammering Hank's one, but White's punches were more of the kind that I am giving this typewriter, while Armstrong's had some haymakers in them.

The crowd was about equally divided in their opinion as to who won, and the sport scribes differed as greatly as the judges in naming the winner, so this writer does not feel far off in tabbing it about even. Armstrong is still rough and tough and, of course, a crowd-pleaser, but Hank has slipped plenty.

In the semi, clever Eddie Hudson, 135, San Francisco Negro, defeated Genero Rojo, 136, Los Angeles Mexican, by copping seven of the eight rounds.

In the fours, Armando Fontes, 131, disposed of Henry Zamora, 132, in 23 seconds of the first round; Roy Miller, 165, whipped Willie Collins, 160; Augie Rodriguez, 111, decisioned Benny Cousins, 112. (Ye Gawds!)

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Kenny Watson, 162, Los Angeles Negro, polished off Amado Rodriguez, 160, El Paso (Tex.), in the fifth round at the Wilmington Bowl. The Mexican made it close for four rounds, but a right to the jaw, putting Amado down for a seven-count, changed the picture. The Negro boxer finished Rodriguez with a right to the stomach.

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Jimmy Doyle, 144, outsmarted Nick Moran, 141, in an uninteresting ten-rounder at the Hollywood Stadium. Moran forced the fighting, but was credited with only two of the rounds as Doyle cleverly blocked most of the Mexican's swings and tied him up in the clinches.

In the prelims, Harry Cole, 129, won a slugfest from Paco Villa, 127 (6); Harry Wicker, 130, won by T.K.O. over Jimmy Reynolds, 130 (3); George Fulton, 164, whipped Jimmy Bryan, 159 (4); Johnny Lopez, 142, nodded Carl Delano, 147.

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Bill Davee's Texans did all right at the Ocean Park Arena one night, all three of them emerging winners. (Davee is the likable RING correspondent for Texas.) All three fighters, Paul Altman, Pete Sanchez and Ben Johnson are from Houston, Bill's hometown.

Altman halted Danny Kopolick's winning streak by stopping the sailor in the third round. Kopolick outboxed the Texan in the first two rounds but in the third Paul hung a right on Danny's jaw that dropped the gob to his knees where he remained for the count.

Sanchez knocked out Billy Jones in the third. Johnson defeated Bernie Flores in a four-rounder.

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Enrique Bolanos of Mexico kept his undefeated

(in California) record intact in his clash with Tony Olivera at the Los Angeles Olympic, with the help of two cock-eyed judges, who gifted him the decision. Referee Bill Kershner voted it a draw, which was bad enough, for Olivera had a lead in seven of the ten rounds. True, Bolanos had the 'Frisco boxer badly hurt in the seventh, and rocked him in the eighth, but the Mexican bellhop missed two-thirds of his punches and was made to look bad in some of the early rounds. It was Bolanos' first start in three months and he no doubt was somewhat off form, but, Olivera made a beautiful fight and should have been rewarded for it. Bolanos weighed 122; Olivera, 121.

Vic Grupico, 136, San Francisco, copped an exciting six-rounder from Kent Martinez, 134, Los Angeles. Floored for an eight-count in the first heat, Grupico came back furiously to grab four of the remaining five rounds.

In the fours, Sonny Hill, 134, outpointed Ray Vargas, 137; Pete Sanchez, 141, knocked out Benny Salica, 142, in the second; Roy Miller, 162, decisioned Ray Acosta, 170; Jimmy Williams, 149, won by T.K.O. over Jimmy Bryan, 159, in two.

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Bill Tierney, 147, Cleveland, knocked out Jackie Cooper, 155, Los Angeles Negro, in the seventh round at the San Diego Coliseum. It was a torrid affair, with Cooper down for nine in the third, but dangerous all the way. The Negro battler tore in continually, but was being softened up with left jabs and hooks so that he went out like a light when caught coming in with a right to the jaw.

In a twin main-event at the Hollywood Stadium, Luis Castillo, 122, Mexico City, lambasted Pee Wee Lewis, 118, Baltimore Negro, and Al Jordan, 188, Kansas City Negro, whipped Jay D. Turner, 224, Dallas, Tex. But although the large crowd enjoyed both bouts immensely, because of the efforts and gameness of the losers, the fact is that both contests were rather one-sided.

The stocky, rugged little Castillo won every round from Lewis, but although he is a hard puncher, the little Mex could not floor the Negro gamester. Luis staggered Pee Wee on two occasions in the eighth round and tried desperately to finish his groggy foe, but Lewis was still there at the finish.

Jordan continually pumped left jabs into Turner's face, having the Texan's head bobbing as though it were on hinges. Al tired along about the sixth round and Turner shook up the Negro heavy with a few hard rights to the head. Jordan cinched the win with a body attack in the final two rounds, causing Turner to hang on.

In three prelims, Cruz Flores, 134, stopped Armando Fontez, 130, in the fourth; Ben Johnson, 152, halted Carl Dulano, 149, in the second; George Fulton, 165, beat Jack McBride, 170, in four.

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John Donnelly, 182, Kansas City Negro, won a slow ten-rounder over Capt. Steve Ludman, 193, Los Angeles, at the Wilmington Bowl. Donnelly, credited with every round, had Ludman in trouble in the early sessions, but tired.

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In two ten-rounders at the Los Angeles Olympic, Lupe Gonzales, 140, of Mexico, outpointed Matt Oglesby, 137, Los Angeles Negro, and Ceferino Robleto, 115, Pasadena, outslugged Elwood Romero, 118, Sacramento.

Gonzales beat Oglesby to the punch throughout, feeding him left jabs and hooks that kept the Negro socker from getting set to land his potent right. Matt put on a two-fisted attack in the last two rounds to score with some solid punches, but he still trailed Lupe by several points.

Robleto and Romero fought toe-to-toe, with first one, then the other, in the driver's seat. It was close at the end of the eighth, but Romero had fought himself out, while the fiery little Pasadenan had something left. With lefts to the body and rights to the head, Cef copped the final two heats.

In three four-rounders, Cruz Flores, 136, decisioned Sonny Hill, 135; Ray Acosta, 170, and Francis Ogg, 175, fought to a draw; Art Aragon, 132, won over Spider Hewitt, 135.

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Edgar Robinson, 159, Phoenix (Ariz.), Negro, turned the tables on Roman Starr, 161, Oklahoma Indian, in a ten-rounder at the Ocean Park Arena. It was a bruising setto, with the hard-hitting Negro boy piling up an early lead, then having a tough time keeping out in front when the Oklahoma gamester went all out in the final rounds.

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Bobby Claus, 152, Buffalo, N. Y., rallied in the final round to get a draw with Lige Drew, 145, San Diego Negro, and Joe Barnum, 142, Culver City, uncorked a right to the jaw in the final round to stop Billy Tierney, 147, Cleveland, in two ten-rounders at the Hollywood Stadium. In both bouts, the action in the final heat kept the settos from being recorded as drab.

Drew had outboxed his wild-swinging foe most of the way in a go that produced too much clinching and foul tactics to be entertaining, and two minutes later would have had his glove raised, had he ducked a right. Claus put Lige on the floor with a looping right, and although Drew arose immediately, he was in a dazed condition and experienced a stormy session, which, in the opinion of the judges, earned the Buffalo boy the draw.

Barnum and Tierney had boxed nine uninteresting rounds, with the Clevelander a bit in the lead. It was all over except the booing (to come later), when Barnum caught Billy coming in with a right to the whiskers. Tierney went down, made his feet at the count of four, but then pitched forward on his face. He got to his pins before the fatal "ten," but was in no condition to continue, and was led to his corner.

In the prelims, Baby Gonzales, 127, Mexico, spilled Ralph Lara, 125, three times to grab a four-round decision; Lou Bernal, 131, and Spider Hewitt, 134, went to a draw; Augie Rodriguez, 112, T.K.O.'ed Joe Miller, 115.

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Neva Esparza, Tia Juana butcher, lived up to his name in cutting up Paul Altman, Houston, Tex., in a ten-rounder at the San Diego Coliseum. The Mexican outpointed Altman so badly that the Texan's only chance of victory was to connect squarely with his sleep-producing right, and Esparza kept Paul so busy blocking lefts and rights that the Texan could seldom get a chance to toss in his heavy artillery.

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Billy Sullivan of Portland, Ore., a 185-pound, 6 foot, 1 inch, Negro, was shipped down to the Los Angeles Olympic as the "acid test" for Fitzie Fitzpatrick, the belting Irishman who came out here from Cleveland. And to make it better (or worse), the Negro Sullivan was labeled "The Killer."

Well, the Portlander had weight, height and reach on Fitzpatrick and that, which nature had given him, was all that he did have, as far as Los Angeles fans are concerned. And Sullivan must "kill" 'em with love for his murderous attack against Fitzpatrick was a couple of light jabs and an embrace.

Fitzie came out fighting. A few short hooks in the bread-basket brought down the Negro's guard, then a left hook and right cross to the head and an uppercut to the chin "killed" the Killer. Time 1:58.

In other bouts, Fidel Rivera, 136, Mexico, defeated Joey Savidan, 138 (6); Billy Harrison, 150, knocked out Pete Sanchez, 147, Houston, Tex. (2); Ray Acosta, 170, beat Francis Ogg, 175, Oakland (4); Jimmy Bryan, 152, and Charlie Dilworth, 157, drew (4); Ben Johnson, 152, Houston, Tex., stopped Billy Jones, 150 (3).

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Billy Hale, 135, Phoenix (Ariz.) Negro, nosed out Aurelio Cruz of Mexico in a ten-rounder at the Wilmington Bowl. It was a spirited contest, having the crowd in an uproar.

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In two ten-rounders at the San Diego Coliseum, Chino Rodriguez, 153, Mexico, shellacked Jackie Cooper, Los Angeles Negro, and Bert White, Chicago Negro featherweight, decisioned Chino Carvajal of Mexico.

Rodriguez massaged Cooper's features with an educated left to cop every round, but the hard-hitting Negro kept tearing in, to make the scrap interesting and not necessarily one-sided.

White and Carvajal made the fur fly. The Mexican ran up points in the early rounds and scored the only knockdown of the fight, upsetting White in the seventh, but the Negro boy spurted in the last three rounds to forge ahead.

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Gene Buffalo, 147, Negro cutie of Philadelphia, cuffed his way to an easy decision over Jumping Joe Keyes, 142, Texas, in ten rounds at the Ocean Park Arena. Buffalo was much too clever for the wild-swinging Keyes, keeping a tantalizing left in the face of the bobbing Texan throughout.

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There was a knockout in every one of the prelims, but Enrique Bolanos, 126, Mexico, couldn't make it a grand slam in his ten-rounder with Pee Wee Lewis, 124, Baltimore Negro. Bolanos won every round in just as one-sided an encounter as it was figured to be, but the nearest he could come to disposing of the tough, game little Negro battler was to dump Lewis for a seven-count in the fourth.

In the six kayoes of the evening Art Barron, 139, stiffened Chick Laws, 139 (2); Roy Miller, 160, stopped Speedy Cannon, 152 (2); Art Aragon, 131, did it to Luis Salas, 131 (1); Torrito Ramos, 137, knocked out Ray Vargas, 138 (2); Anicito Madrid, 128, disposed of Pete Pachero, 125 (3); Bob Farris, 149, stopped Al Fernandez, 151 (3).

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Eddie Cerda, 152, Tia Juana's artful dodger, made Louie Wise, 160, Los Angeles Negro, miss more punches than he landed in their ten-rounder at the Wilmington Bowl. However, the Mexican Jumping-Bean fought mostly on the defensive, and Wise scored with enough body blows to win a clear-cut decision.

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In two ten-rounders at the San Diego Coliseum, Vincent Villavicencio, Tia Juana fireman, decisioned Alonzo Williams, Los Angeles Negro, and Bert White, Chicago Negro featherweight, copped a close one over Paco Villa of Mexico.

The Villavicencio-Williams bout was a dull affair. Williams tried to make a fight of it, but Vincent wouldn't have put out any fires on this night. Villa-what's-his-name, who can whip Alonzo decisively, if he chooses, was content to waltz and paw his way to a hollow victory.

The White-Villa fracas was a sizzler, first one, then the other, having the advantage. Villa did his best work at long range. White was the master at infighting. About even at the end of the eighth, the Phoenix Negro made his usual fast finish to cop the final two heats and the verdict.

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Mike Belloise of New York was held to a ten-round draw by Billy Hale, Phoenix (Ariz.) Negro, at the Ocean Park Arena. The former featherweight contender is still a cagey warrior, but has slipped much. And little wonder, for Mike is 33 years old and was boxing the good ones when Hale was still in short pants. Belloise weighed 133; Hale, 135.

In supporting bouts, Tito Despaigne, 139, defeated Joey Savidan, 136 (4); Jake Stevens, 153, and Speedy Cannon, 147, drew (4); Jack Walls, 142, stopped Mickey Hearn, 144 (3); Paul Lassiter, 142, decisioned Wilford Scott, 139 (4); Ralph Lee, 159, bested Frisco James, 164 (4).

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Lest I Forget—Jules Covey, Chairman of the California Athletic Commission, has been made Vice-President of the National Boxing Association. . . . Davey Abad, the cagey, artful dodger who made suckers of some of our best featherweights about fifteen years ago, is here from Panama, accompanied by Tito Despaigne, a lightweight. . . . Frankie Russell, Los Angeles' promising welterweight, now in the Navy, was home on two weeks' furlough. . . . Amateur boxing is now being staged at Hollywood Stadium on Wednesday evenings. Abe Roth, well-known referee and furniture merchant, is the promoter. . . . Major Jones, classy Negro boy of Kansas City, one of the outstanding performers of the Golden Gloves tournament at Chicago last winter, is in Los Angeles, boxing in pro ranks. . . . Earl Ward, promising amateur middleweight of Hawthorne, has gone into the Navy.

Jimmy McDaniels, Los Angeles welterweight, chalked up a nice win, as well as a big upset, in stopping Aaron Perry in New York. Later he beat Ralph Zannelli. . . . Georgie Goodman, ex-featherweight boxer, at one time a national amateur champion, is now in the Navy. Georgie was a "cutie" in the ring, and the clowning little Hebrew makes a cute sailor, too. . . . Amateur boxing is now being conducted at Pico, just east of Los Angeles, and at Oceanside, near San Diego. . . . Genaro Rojo, temperamental Los Angeles Mexican lightweight, is now in the East, boxing out of Hartford, Conn. . . . Chuckie Garcia, Los Angeles lightweight (praised in our last report), has been reported killed in action. . . . Bert Lytell, a welter out of Fresno, is compiling quite a record in Eastern rings. Lytell claims to be undefeated and is reported to have chalked up 27 victories.

Art Aragon, classy New Mexico boxer, a recent graduate of Los Angeles amateur rings, has won seven consecutive fights since invading professional rings. . . . Bob Nestell, former Los Angeles heavyweight, now a member of the armed forces, is home convalescing from wounds received in action over a year ago. Bob has been in hospitals most of the past year. . . . Among the amateur boxers who have entered pro ranks since my last report are Joe Marlo, Norman Bishop, Nat Gibson, George Heredia, Bob Farris, Julio Franco and Nolan Sharp.

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# IN OUR QUESTION BOX

**By NAT FLEISCHER**

**Robert Cuddy, Bloomfield, N. J.**

Q.—What were the weights of Firpo and Willard when they fought? If Jenkins were in his prime, at his best, could he beat Beau Jack? What was the heaviest that Mickey Walker weighed for a fight?

**A.—Firpo scaled 214 pounds to Willard's 242. I think that Jenkins would have won on his hitting. Walker's highest weight was 172 pounds against King Levinsky.**

**A. M., U. S. A.**

Q.—Was Max Schmeling world champion when he defeated Joe Louis? Who was Schmeling's manager?

**A.—No. Neither was champion. Joe Jacobs was his American manager and Max Machon was his German manager.**

**Cpl. M. F. Zarowy, U. S. A.**

Q.—What was the largest paying crowd to see a fight in the Garden? How many can be seated?

**A.—23,190 persons paid to see Zivic and Armstrong, January 17, 1941. The place can hold 19,200, seated.**

**Thomas Landers, U.S.N., San Francisco, Calif.**

Q.—We had an argument aboard ship regarding the name of Harry Greb. One of the men said that he had read an article that carried Greb's family name as Berg and another said that he had read in THE RING that this was incorrect and that the records of his birth show his family name to be Greb. Which is correct?

**A.—Greb is correct. He was christened Edward Aloysius Greb, but took the name of Harry early in life and kept it thereafter. His brother's name was Harry and he died when in his youth.**

**Tom Ephrem, Somewhere in Italy**

Q.—Who is the manager of Patsy Zoccano, and where can Patsy be located?

**A.—He is managed by Abe Elkins and can be reached at 134 Elliott Place, the Bronx, New York City.**

# BROADCAST FROM NEW YORK

WILLIE SCHULKIN

THE outdoor season ended as it began, without any bouts of major proportions as a windup. The season may not have been as lucrative for the fistic promoters as in prewar times, yet those who took their chances and kept the ball rolling had no complaint. With exceptionally dry weather in their favor, with few exceptions most of the booked outdoor shows took place as per schedule and there were sufficient paid spectators to make each show a financial success. In these war times one cannot look for big purses and big gates and as the roving reporter of this publication, I can safely say, after visits to clubs throughout the East, that boxing owes a vote of thanks to those who carried on with little expectation of gaining much for their efforts, rather than closing shop and waiting for the indoor season to get under way.

New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Newark, Elizabeth, Providence, Fall River and Springfield were the leading cities for activity in the East. Besides Mike Jacobs in New York, the outstanding figures in boxing promotion during the summer were Lou Fisher and George Goldberg in Baltimore; Sam Silverman in New England; Mugsy Taylor and Jimmy Toppi in Philadelphia; George Kobb in Elizabeth; Babe Culnan and Willie Gilzenberg in Newark; Leo Bradley in Providence; Goldie Ahearn in Washington; George Sheppard in New England; Bob Berman, ably assisted by Moe Fleischer, at MacArthur Stadium; Joe McKenna, ably assisted by Tex Sullivan, at the Queensboro Stadium and Joe and Ray Monohan at Fort Hamilton. The biggest moneymaker was Fort Hamilton which is on army property and doesn't have to work under State Commission supervision.

The season's biggest surprise was the failure of Larry Atkins to promote for the summer in Cleveland, one of the best fight cities last winter. Larry took the wrong steer when he decided that unless a fight could draw $40,000 or more it wasn't worth staging. He had plenty of opportunity to carry on with minor shows as did Mike Jacobs in New York and Nick Londes in Detroit, but refused.

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Your RING reporter in his travels says: The Police Benefit Show staged at Baltimore recently proved a huge success . . . more than $100,000 was taken in at the till. . . . It looked like Lanier rated the duke over Coley Welch, but the officials called it a draw. . . . Johnny Walker seemed entitled to the win over Vic Dellicurti and this also was called a draw. . . . A great fight, though, and nobody was hurt when they called that last one even.

Freddie Archer seemed to be in fine condition as he punched out a win over the tough, hard-punching Sammy Daniels. . . . Johnny Carter won a hairline decision over the lion-hearted Deacon Logan. . . . It was a split verdict. . . . Logan sustained a cut eye in the second round and fought the entire ten rounds under a severe handicap. . . . Jimmy O'Brien looked exceptional in punching out a win over Clarence Brown in ten rounds at Newark. . . . O'Brien is only a lightheavy and Brown is a heavyweight who has met the best in his division.

Mike Jacobs was in ecstasy the other night and he almost choked from laughter when ancient Walter Woods, in testing the ropes before his bout at Long Branch, did a back somersault when the rope snapped and landed right in the arms of a woman spectator. . . . He climbed back into the ring to knock out one Joe Thomas (Can you guess who he is?) in the first round. . . . It must be said that although Walter was dropped in a furious melee, he got right up and proceeded to knock the stuffings out of his opponent. . . . Considering his long lay-off, Walter looked very good.

The main bout showed Nat Litfin in a return go with Tommy Mills. . . . Mills had licked Litfin a few weeks previously and Nat did a very good job in turning the tables on his former conqueror. . . . The 34-year-old Litfin at times hopped around like a youngster half his age. . . . He'll still give any of the youngsters around plenty of trouble. . . . Vic Costa looked exceptional in winning an eight-round duke from Charley Davis. . . . Vic tired towards the close of the contest, but it must be taken into consideration that he's only a kid and has not yet learned how to pace himself. . . . Vincent LaSalva displayed a neat left jab in the opening four, beating a tough Negro who answers to the name of Enrico Chico. . . . Bobby Gleason is the manager of both Costa and LaSalva.

Patsy Spataro's bout with Johnny Williams was ruled a draw at the end of eight bristling rounds of action at the Twin-City Arena in Elizabeth. . . . Patsy suffered a cut on the left side of his scalp as the result of an accidental butt in the second round. . . . Your RING reporter thought that Patsy was entitled to the decision at the end of this thriller. . . . In the semi-final, Danny Kapilow punched Leroy Saunders silly in three heats. . . . Danny displayed plenty of class in his brief appearance.

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Mike Delia was indefinitely suspended for running out on two matches. . . . One match was scheduled to take place in Jersey City and the other was for Baltimore. . . . The Jersey City opponent for the moment escapes our memory, but the Baltimore opponent, Cleo Shans, provided a very good pay night for the Californian boxer. . . . Delia, without any notice, decided to go back to California, leaving Manager Freddie Sommers in a hole. . . . I suppose should Delia show up, all would be forgiven by the commissions of New York, Maryland and New Jersey. . . . Which to our way is using wrong judgment. . . . The boxer in question should be penalized where it hurts, not when he decides to be inactive. . . . When Delia is ready to go again, that's the time to show him that the commissions are not be monkeyed with. . . . Incidentally, Freddie Sommers just purchased the contract of Eugene Burton, promising Golden Glove star. . . . Burton will box in the future under the name of Eugene Bart. . . . Probably will get going around Baltimore and Philadelphia in the near future.

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Danny Bartfield, Bobby Ruffin and quite a few other boys of note have been released from the Army lately. . . . Looks like things should hum this winter in the lightweight division. . . . Ruffin, with a few fights under his belt, would be a natural against Ike Williams. . . . New York or Philadelphia would jump at the chance to show these two boys. . . . Pvt. Buddy Garcia, the lad who made a hit at the Garden recently when he licked Bobby Smith in a sizzling six-round bout, stole the show at Galveston on the Jimmy Carollo-Jack Marshall card. He kayoed the Texas lightweight champion, Proctor Heinold, in four rounds. . . . This lad has natural punching ability.

The lightweight class has the most promising boys around and in the near future youngsters like Tony Janiro, Steve Vaccarelli, Dom Amoroso, Eugene Burton and a few others, may be the prelims of today, but you can lay a dollar to a dime that they're the Stars of Tomorrow. . . . Don't pass up little Frankie Gromada, East Side boy, who is going great guns in the lightweight prelims around New York. . . . Bobby Gunther remains undefeated this year. . . . In 15 fights this year, he has scored eight knockouts and won seven decisions. . . . Watch this boy. . . . Also remember Pvt. Buddy Garcia, mentioned earlier in this column. . . . And so, for this issue, we'll put the lightweight situation to bed.

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Your RING reporter has taken over the management of Sid Silas, former lightweight star. . . . Sid always will be remembered by New York fans for his sensational showings at Madison Square Garden and the smaller clubs. . . . His future will be carefully watched and, if in the writer's opinion he doesn't measure up to par, Silas will definitely be retired from the fight game. . . . This is more than a business to me. . . . Personally, I've taken a great liking to Sid and would not want him to fall into the hands of some mercenary fight manager who would ruin him. . . . There are many of these *game* managers around today handling lads who long ago, should have been asked to hang up their gloves. S.

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Hymie Caplan, who at one time managed Lew Jenkins, Solly Krieger, Ben Jeby, Lou Salica and Al Singer—all champs—among many other notch fighters, is back in New York where he hopes shortly to become co-owner of a health gymnasium and, later, to return to the field of boxing in which he was for many years one of the outstanding fight managers and maker of titleholders. Caplan, who has been hard hit by the death of his wife, expects shortly to reestablish himself.

Hymie wishes to thank his many friends all over the country who bore with him and kept in touch with him.

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Jimmy McDaniels, 143½, Los Angeles, made good in Madison Square Garden at the expense of Aaron Perry, 143½, Washington, D. C. McDaniels went to the post an eight-to-five favorite and came through in sensational style. The bout was hardly more than twenty seconds old when Perry, coming out of a clinch, connected with a short right to the jaw of Jimmy, flooring him for a count of seven. McDaniels could have arisen immediately, but wisely took a count on one knee. Jimmy played it safe and had no trouble lasting out the round.

At the start of the second, Jimmy walked right into the Washington youngster, throwing punches with reckless abandon. Perry made the mistake of standing flat-footed before the hard-punching Californian, swapping punch for punch. Had Perry continued on the move, pot-shotting as he circled, the result might have been different. Jimmy would play for the body and then, after hurting Perry, would suddenly unleash rights to the jaw, staggering Perry time and again.

An overhand right to the jaw caught Perry, sending him to the canvas for a nine-count in the third round. Aaron had trouble lasting out the session.

At the start of the fourth, a weak Perry answered the bell. Jimmy tore after his man, sending him down with a right to the jaw. It is a mystery how Aaron Perry ever is able to get up before the count of ten. He goes down flat on his back and seldom moves a muscle until the count has reached seven, then, somehow, he struggles to his feet. Not only does he get up, but he gets up punching.

After two such knockdowns (on his back), Perry was caught with a terrific right to the button, flooring him flat on his face. Referee Billy Cavanagh then decided that the game youngster had taken enough and did not bother to start a count, signalling to Perry's corner that the bout was over.

Your RING reporter is of the opinion that the third man should start a count, as the boy who is being outclassed is on the floor and is in no immediate danger of being hit. When the lad arises (if he does), then the third man can use his judgment in calling a halt. It seemed foolish for McDaniels to be the winner by a technical knockout, when Perry was lying there, face buried in the rosin, to all appearances dead to the world. The time of the contest was 2:51 of round four.

Harry Garsh, manager of Perry, can be blamed for Perry's present predicament. Perry showed in his past tests against veterans that he was not ready for the topnotchers. In his only starts against ringwise opponents, he took second money. Armstrong massacred Perry in a slugging bee, knocking him down several times before finishing him in six rounds.

Angott, although not the puncher Armstrong is, took good care of Perry in his last start, outsmarting the youngster all the way. True, Perry did knock out Morris Reif and a few lesser lights, but, one must remember that he was in there with youngsters like himself and there was no excuse in the world for pitting him against such a seasoned veteran as Jimmy McDaniels.

Not to detract anything from McDaniels' victory, the Los Angeles boy looked very good in there and would be more than welcome to show again at the Garden in the near future. What a battle a bout between McDaniels and Billy Arnold, hard-punching Negro from Philadelphia, would furnish! Now there is a natural!

Tony Janiro, 136¼, Youngstown, Ohio, repeated a previous victory over hard-punching Jerry Coursol, 136, Valley Stream, L. I., in a fast six-rounder. This makes 23 in a row for Janiro.

In a hard-punching six-round bout, Danny Kapilow, 145¼, Bronx, returned to the ring to outslug George Red Doty, 146¼, Hartford banger, in a very rough battle. Doty was down for a count of nine in the first round. Steve Vaccarelli, 133½, Brooklyn, cleverly fought his way to a win over Nick Camarata, 136, New Orleans, in six rounds. Camarata seemed a bit rusty, but once he got going, provided Vaccarelli with many anxious moments right up to the final gong. Steve seems to be improving with every start.

Joe (Sandy) Saddler, 117½, Bronx Negro stringbean, outboxed, outfought and outhit but did not outgame little Clifford Smith, 119½, Charlotte, N. C., to win a unanimous decision at the end of six rounds. Smith was down for a nine-count in the sixth round.

In the opening four, Bo Harris, 137, New York, punched too hard for Patsy Zoccano, 134¾, Toronto, Canada, causing Referee Ruby Goldstein to call a halt when Patsy sustained a cut over his left eye in the third round. The bout went to Harris on a three-round knockout.

The receipts hit the $12,554 mark and the attendance was recorded at almost 6,000 people. This did not include a large group of wounded veterans who came from Halloran Hospital. This was a very finely balanced card and every bout proved to be an interesting one.

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The Fort Hamilton Boxing Arena came through with a rather weird show for its regular weekly boxing program. In the main attraction, Cocoa Kid, for years one of the foremost contenders for welterweight honors, was fed a soft one in the person of Billy Campanelli, who hails from Worcester, Mass. In his last fight on October 8, last year, the Kid had decisively whipped Jimmy McDaniels in ten rounds on the West Coast. The Kid made short work of the New Englander, dropping him three times, twice for nine, and the third time causing Referee Young Otto to call a halt to the uneven contest. Time of contest, 1:15 of round one. Weights were Cocoa Kid, 154; Campanelli, 159.

Monty Pignatore ran into quite a bit of hard luck in his bout with Clyde English, in the semi-final eight-round bout. Pignatore, 134½, East Sider, had much the better of the bout, when he was disqualified for hitting after the bell had rung ending the second round. The punch in question was a terrific right hander that caught English on the button, putting him out like a light.

In the first round, English had succeeded in dropping his heavier opponent for a two-count with a right flush to the jaw. Monty also sustained a [illegible] eye in the opening canto.

[illegible]e second round found Monty piling after his [illegible]ent, dropping English four times for counts [illegible]his ge. The bell rang ending the period and Eng[illegible]finish[illegible]opped his hands to return to his corner, when Jo[illegible]tore unintentionally let the punch go that Turn[illegible]d all the technicalities. English was declared as th[illegible]inner. The boys were immediately rematched the s[illegible]future bout.

[illegible]eavy[illegible]eree Young Otto let things get out of control when he couldn't take the ribbing the crowd was handing him. In a bout that followed the Pignatore-English affair, Frankie Jamison, 158, Chicago, was awarded a knockout victory over Al Harrison, 156½, Brooklyn, in 2:40 of the eighth and final round. Harrison had been giving a good account of himself, although he was behind on points going into the last round. Al was floored with a succession of shoves and when he floundered along the ropes for what Otto figured the third knockdown, he immediately stopped the contest. Harrison was not hurt a bit in this round, but Otto, remembering that he had forgotten to stop the Pignatore-English bout after *four* knockdowns, acted too hastily in stopping this bout with only twenty seconds to go.

Dennis Brady, 129, Bronx, looked very good in scoring a three-round knockout over Joe McGuire, 131, White Plains, in three rounds. Artie DiPietro, 141, East Side, outmauled Leon Kennedy, 143, Washington, D. C., in a rough six-round bout. In the curtain-raiser, Vinnie Melito, 132, South Brooklyn, pitched a terrific right cross to the chin of Bunny Marconi, 133, Bay Ridge, knocking him out in 1:35 of the opening round.

Tony Janiro, 135¾, Youngstown, Ohio, continued his unbroken string of victories by knocking out Leo Red Brown, 134, Detroit, in 2:08 of the fifth round. Brown was substituting for Tommy Mills, who was excused by the Commission doctor due to an injured ear. Janiro was in complete command throughout the bout and hurt Brown whenever he decided to pour it on. The game Brown was in bad shape when Referee Eddie Joseph decided to call a halt to the uneven contest.

Pete Virgin, 127¼, Garfield, N. J., was the winner over Herbert Solomon, 135, Harlem, when Solomon hurt his right hand and could not continue after 2:55 of the fourth round. Solomon substituted for Norman Silver, who showed up with a bad right hand.

Patsy Spataro, 135, East Side, won an eight-round contest from Vic Jade, 136, Cleveland. Spataro proved too strong for the game Jade.

Ray Peterson, 147, Jamaica, B.W.I., looked very good in stopping Felix Morales, 140¾, Puerto Rico, in two rounds. Peterson made a great hit with the fans by his ding-dong style of battling. Morales suffered a badly lacerated left eye.

In the opening four, Frankie Como, 139, West Side, outboxed and outpunched Rudy Garcia to romp off with the unanimous decision. These bouts took place at MacArthur Stadium and the crowd was estimated at more than 4,000 people.

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Artie Levine, 155, Brownsville, put on a garrison finish to win the decision over Ray Rovelli, 151½, Jersey City, after eight gruelling rounds at the Fort Hamilton Boxing Arena. Levine started well in the first round and seemed to be out to make short work of his opponent. Artie connected with powerful left hooks and right crosses to the chin which seemed to have the Jersey lad in trouble.

Rovelli, however, was not to be denied and continued to bore in with a two-fisted attack to the body which had Levine in distress, particularly in the fifth round. In this canto he had Levine doubling up in pain and it looked like Rovelli was going to come on to win. Levine opened up with both guns at the start of the sixth and continued this attack to the finish.

In the eighth, Artie connected with a perfectly timed right hook to the jaw, flooring Ray for a count of nine. Rovelli was in trouble, but used his noodle to last the distance. Both boys got a fine reception as they left the ring. The decision was unanimous.

In the semi-final, Pat Scanlon, 135, Ozone Park, was lucky to get a decision over Gary Williams, 136, Newark, in a fast six-rounder. Williams did the forcing and better punching throughout the fight. The decision was loudly booed.

Johnny Juliano, 123, Paterson, scored a technical knockout over Walter (Cabey) Lewis, 125, Cuba, in 2:05 of the fifth round. This was a bitterly waged contest and the result was in doubt up to the time that Juliano connected with a right to the eye of Lewis, causing Referee Young Otto to call a halt to the contest.

Frankie Carr, 140, Puerto Rico, proved too strong for Jimmy Taylor, 145, Jamaica, and romped off with a unanimous decision at the end of six rounds. Jimmy Murray, 161, West Side, scored a knockout over the ill-conditioned Artie Lampert, 160, in 1:40 of the second round.

In the opening four, Sal Amoroso, 131, Bensonhurst, finished Johnny Astor, 129, in 1:37 of the third round. The loser was floored twice in the second and once in the third before being belted out. A crowd of 3,600 people paid $4,428 to watch the bouts.

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Harold Green, 148, Brownsville, had an easy time disposing of Al Evans, 152½, Newport, R. I., in four rounds of a scheduled eight-round bout at the MacArthur Stadium before a crowd of 3,500 people. Evans managed to stay erect until conked with a body barrage midway in the third round. Evans took a count of seven and managed to last out the round. Green tore after his man in the fourth and soon had Evans in distress. A body bombardment, accompanied by a terrific right cross to the jaw stretched Evans out for the count after 2:47 of the fourth round. Harry Ebbets refereed.

Al (Baby Face) Pennino, 122, Red Hook, put away Benny Saladino, 125, Bensonhurst, in three rounds. The veteran Saladino proved no match for the Baby Face and the referee stopped the bout after 2:23 of round three. Saladino had been floored about six times.

Doug Carter, 142, Newark, had too much on the ball for Angelo Meola, 144, Baltimore, causing the referee to halt the bout after 2:07 of the fourth round. Carter was the winner on a technical knockout.

Julio Malavez, 137, was declared the winner over Marcel Fournier, 131½, Toronto, when the latter could not come out for the bell starting the sixth round. Frankie Rosen, 138½, Brownsville, punched too hard for Terry Amico, 145, East Side veteran trying a comeback. The bout went to Rosen by a knockout in 2:07 of the third round.

Vic Chambers, 159, Morristown, N. J., had to come from behind to earn a draw with Connie Zeppa, 154, East Side, in the opening four-round bout. Zeppa was dropped in the last round.

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The Queensboro Arena turned up with a dandy card featuring Freddie Schott, 207, Akron heavyweight, meeting Billy Grant, 175, Orange, N. J., in the eight-round feature bout. Schott used his 32-pound weight advantage to win a gruelling bout from the New Jersey veteran. Grant gave a very good account of himself until he tired from a constant body pounding. The Akron youngster took many a good punch to the jaw, but never stopped punching at his Negro opponent's body. Grant received quite a pasting in the eighth and final round and was a very tired boy at the finish. Referee George Walsh called it three rounds each with the two even for a draw. Judge Jim Gearns ruled it five to three in favor of Schott and Judge Sam Rosenblatt gave it to Schott six to two. Schott deserved the verdict and bears watching.

In a semi-final eight, J. C. Wilkins, 157½, Bronx, won a gruelling scrap from Danny Aldridge, 159, Newark. Aldridge made it interesting all the way, but the persistent aggressiveness of Wilkins earned him the nod. Phil Palmer, 144, Vancouver, B. C., did not look too good in his fistic debut in New York. Phil drew an oldtimer in Stanley Miller, 144, Brooklyn, who has been battling it out with the good ones for more than seventeen years. Miller was awkward and would not let Palmer get in with punches. He seemed content to go the limit with the Canadian youngster. The referee and the crowd stood for plenty until the third man called a halt in 1:53 of the seventh round, awarding the fight to Palmer.

Ted Gordon, 160¼, Bronx, won an interesting sixer from Dave Carver, 157, also from the Bronx. This bout featured some very hard punching by both lads.

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Georgie Kochan, 165, Akron, returned to the local wars and won an easy decision over Deacon Logan, 161½, St. Louis Negro, in the feature event of eight rounds at the Queensboro Arena. Despite threatening weather, the gate hit $4,400, proving that Kochan still is quite a drawing card. Although the decision was unanimous, it was a hard-fought contest and Kochan suffered a cut over the left eye.

Logan was cut over both eyes and was a sorrowful sight at the finish. Georgie deliberately refused to do any further damage to his plucky opponent going into the last round. Kochan went out for the eighth and final round and mauled the game Negro about the body, although he might have been ruled the winner by a knockout, had he chosen to play for the injured optics. The sailor boy got quite a hand for this display of sportsmanship. Kochan showed he is definitely ready for the big names and will be a welcome addition to the headliners.

Ernie Kapps, 151, a newcomer from Worcester, Mass., punched out a win over Dave Carver, 157½, Bronx, in a fast six-round bout. Dom Amoroso, 135½, Jersey City, displayed plenty of class in stopping Jackie Savino, 136, Jamaica, in 2:43 of the third round. Amoroso looked like a sure thing to be heard from in the near future.

In the opening four, Ralph Dean, 150, Newark, was willing enough, but could not tag Lew Perez, 149, Puerto Rico, for a knockout, so had to be content to romp off with a unanimous decision.

In other fours the results were as follows: Charley Watkins, 145¾, Cleveland, licked Russ Hawkins, 144½, Jamaica; Tommy Gargano, 145¼, Brooklyn, knocked out Walter DePalma, 140½, Paterson, in 2:09 of round two; Gregory Costello, 134¾, Fordham, went to a draw with Al Bishop, 137½, Harlem.

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MacArthur Stadium ran a show featuring Marvin Bryant, of Texas, opposing Jerry Fiorello, Bensonhurst slugger, in the feature event of eight rounds. Fiorello caught the fancy of the crowd with his willingness to make a fight of it. After eight bristling rounds the contest was declared a draw. Referee Frank Fullam took the seventh round away from Fiorello because of a low blow. Both judges, Joe Sheter and Nick Gamboli, ruled the bout as four rounds each, while Referee Fullam ruled four rounds for Fiorello, three for Bryant and one even. As your RING reporter saw it, the bout was a dead heat, four rounds to each. A perfect draw. The weights were Fiorello, 159½; Bryant, 161.

Davey Allen, 126, Yorkville, disposed of Danny Parrillo, 125, Philadelphia, in 1:43 of round four. Allen had Parrillo on the deck three times before the ref called it a night. J. C. Wilkins, 155¼, Bronx, had little trouble knocking out Johnny Owens, 156, Panama, in 2:42 of the first round. Wilkins, a Negro lad, displayed plenty of class in the workmanlike manner in which he put his opponent away.

Phil Palmer, 144¼, Vancouver, slammed his way to a three-round knockout victory over game little Jimmy Davis, 153¼, West Side. Palmer seems to be improving with each start. Ted Gordon, 160¼, Bronx, proved too busy for Ernest Barnwell, 155½, Brooklyn, and walked off with a unanimous decision after six fast rounds.

Carmine Fatta, 136½, Bensonhurst, and Joe Amico, 137, Philadelphia, went eight fast rounds to a draw at the Fort Hamilton Arena. Fatta won the first two rounds by comfortable margins, but ran into unexpected trouble in the third when Amico succeeded in opening an old cut over his left eye, when Joe opened up with a series of punches that had Fatta bewildered. From that point to the end, Amico gave a good account of himself and the draw decision was well received.

Joe Mulli, 151, Bensonhurst, had little trouble disposing of Johnny Rudd, 149, with a terrific right cross to the chin in 2:11 of the first round. Frankie Carr, 135, Puerto Rico, outslugged Gary Williams, 133, Harlem, in a sizzling six-round bout. Williams was down for counts three times in the third round.

Johnny Juliano, 125, Paterson, got "hunk" with Bob Jennings, 127, Philadelphia, for a previous loss and knocked out Jennings in 1:55 of the fifth round. Juliano dropped Jennings for a count of three before the bell rang ending the first round. Manuel Torres, 126, Puerto Rico, outfought Al Rodriguez, 123, in a six-round punching duel. In the opening four, Frankie Ciccio, 120, Brooklyn, put the quietus on Willie Taitt, 122, in 1:55 of the third round. Ciccio showed a lot of promise.

Maxie Shapiro, East Side lightweight contender, flashed great form in winning a unanimous decision over Lew Maxwell, Newark Negro, in the feature event of eight rounds at the Queensboro Arena. Shapiro, who received an honorable discharge from the Army about three months ago, seemed rusty at the start, but after two rounds warmed up to his task, giving the Newark Negro a brisk lathering towards the end of the bout.

A rally by Maxwell in the eighth round was cut short when Maxie unleashed a terrific left hook which deposited Lew on the canvas for a count of nine. Shapiro landed five right in succession to the jaw staggering Maxwell, but upon seeing the game effort Maxwell was making to go the limit, Maxie eased up. Each scaled 136½.

Doug Carter, 141, Newark, upset the highly favored Ballesandro Carubia, 146, Astoria, in the semi-final six-round bout. Carter, a canny defensive boxer, outguessed the willing Carubia at every turn. Roosevelt Thomas, 181, Chicago, had little trouble disposing of Johnny Davis, 187½, Brooklyn, forcing the referee to call a halt at the end of the second round. Davis suffered a severe cut over his left eye. Phil Palmer, 142½, Vancouver, outslugged Mayhew Smith, 145, Harlem, in a hard-fought six-round bout. Smith proved very game and managed to stay the distance. In the opening four, Russ Hawkins, 143, Jamaica, stopped Patsy Zoccano, 139½, Toronto, in 1:09 of the final stanza.

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## IN SAN FRANCISCO RINGS

By ROBERT VALLI

HAMMERIN' HENRY ARMSTRONG, former champion of three divisions, came up with a whisker decision over Willie Joyce, Gary, Indiana, Negro lad, at Civic Auditorium before an audience paying $32,194.95.

By taking the decision, Hank evened the series at two and two, but the capacity crowd mostly disagreed. Referee Frankie Brown awarded the Los Angeles Negro the ten-round duke, giving him 56½ to 53½ points.

This writer scored Joyce 56 to 64 points.

Joyce looked like a sure victor after five rounds. He moved from left to right, keeping a steady left jab in Armstrong's kisser and also kept out of his opponent's range.

Henry couldn't pin the Gary, Indiana, lad on the ropes as he did in beating his previous foes. Willie was a moving target. He wasn't there when Armstrong tried to nail him and at long range he lashed Henry with both fists to head.

The pair had the fans cheering in the fifth when Hank got across a hook to the jaw and followed through with a right to the body. Joyce did not retreat as expected, instead he lashed out with his long left and a series of uppercuts.

In the sixth, Willie made brief rallies with both fists flying at his onrushing opponent.

The harder Henry tried the more he'd miss. In round seven he led with his left and left himself open for Willie's right hand punches.

The battlers again kept the crowd in an uproar for the full minutes in the eighth.

Armstrong came out at the bell and pounded into his foe's midsection. He then ripped across a right to the jaw, but the smart Joyce got back in midring and kept his well-educated left in Armstrong's face.

When Henry wanted to slug Willie met him at his own game and came out on top in a rally which lasted one full minute. He landed more often but his punches were not as hard.

In the ninth, the best heat of all, the pair stood shoulder to shoulder and head to head and belted each other with everything they had.

Hank got Joyce near the ropes and landed a right on his chin. He must have saved all his strength for this garrison finish.

In the tenth, another dilly, neither lad would give ground which left them in midring for practically the entire session, with first one, then the other, grabbing the upper hand.

Joyce's backers squawked loudly over the verdict, claiming Willie had piled up a comfortable lead in the early rounds.

Referee Brown gave Hank five rounds and Joyce four, with one even.

It was Joyce's first fight under his new manager, Charley Shuster, who immediately demanded a return engagement. Shuster said he'd be willing to fight again on a winner-take-all basis provided judges were used.

Weights: Winner, 139½; Loser, 140.

In the semi-windup slated for six rounds, Jimmy Joyce, 134, brother of Willie, was given a technical knockout in four rounds over Freddy Taylor, 134½, Colorado crowd-pleaser.

A cut under the left eye sustained at the start of round four, forced Referee Johnny Lotsey to halt the fight.

It was a sizzling affair while it lasted. Joyce won the first two sessions, but Taylor started to batter Jimmy's body in the third to take the round.

Mickey Gimmell, 149½, Tommy Cello's undefeated protege, outpointed Predo Jiminez, 148, in six.

Roy Miller, 165, Kansas City stablemate of Hank, scored a kayo in the first over Calvin Johnson, 168, Stockton.

In the curtain-raiser, Charley Early, 150, defeated Billy Harrison, 150, in four. Harrison was saved from a knockout by the bell.

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Baby Gonzales, 126, Mexico City, upset "Fancy Pants" Paul Roguejo, 130, Oakland, in the ten-round main event at San Jose.

Gonzales won a popular decision after a furious two-fisted battle throughout.

There were no knockdowns.

It was Paul's first defeat among the professional ranks.

In the semi-final, Baby Santiago, 130, Stockton, and Joey Mace, 124, Sacramento, drew in six rounds.

Charley Early, 147, Oakland, took a decision over Predo Jiminez, 145, Vallejo, in four.

Val Mejia, 143, San Jose, stopped Al Tucker, 147, San Francisco, in one round.

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Jack Chase, ex-California State middleweight champion, scored a unanimous ten-round decision over Jimmy Hayden, Charley Palmer's Eastern Negro, in the top spot of a double main-event at Civic Auditorium.

Chase outclassed Hayden in everything except gameness.

The Eastern lad took a terrific lacing mainly in the tenth and would have been kayoed if not for his gameness.

Chase tried for a knockout as early as round three. His best punch was a right uppercut.

Both Negroes scaled 167.

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In the companion ten, Matt Oglesby, Los Angeles, knocked out Sammy Brown, Fresno southpaw, in the sixth round. Brown had outclassed Oglesby in the first five rounds. In the fourth he dropped Matt for a nine-count with a right cross, but "right-hand crazy" Matt flattened Brown for the full count with two punches, rights to the body and jaw.

Brown weighed 137; Oglesby, 140.

In the special event, Ray Salas, Billy Newman's flashy lightweight, making a comeback after a long lay-off due to injuries received in an auto crash, won an exciting six-round nod over Freddy Taylor. Taylor, fighting his first fight in two months, tired in the sixth which was the cause for the defeat. Salas scaled 137; Taylor, 136.

In the opener, Kid Willis, 143, went four to a draw with Al Douglas, 139.

The house grossed $3,400.

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Kenny LaSalle scored a technical knockout over R. J. Lewis, Denver middleweight, in the ninth of a scheduled ten-round main-event at National Hall.

The end came after a draggish tug and tussle affair for eight rounds. In the ninth, LaSalle landed a sharp right cross which spun Lewis into a corner, where he was defenseless.

Kenny fired a volley of rights and lefts before Referee Frankie Carter stopped the match.

Lewis finds it very hard to make a hit hereabouts. Last year he came out of Denver to fight Aaron "Little Tiger" Wade and was knocked out twice by the Tiger. R. J. thought he'd take another chance at it this year, but without success in his first try.

Weights: Lewis, 160; LaSalle, 159.

In the semi-final LeRoy Wade, 160, and Charley Early, 151, went six rounds to a draw.

Pete Viratos, 147, also went six rounds to a draw with Johnny Ricco, 148.

Cal Robinson, 148, lost out to wild-swinging Kid Willis, 147, by a decision in four rounds.

The house grossed $1,653.

Aaron "Little Tiger" Wade, San Francisco, was a little lucky in getting a draw with Jack Chase, Los Angeles, in the ten-round headliner at Oakland Auditorium.

It was the third of the Negro battlers' fights, the two previous going to Chase.

Jack used his left jab, while Wade depended on his heavy hitting.

"Little Tiger's" best round was his second when he shook up the fleet-footed Chase with solid left hooks to the chin.

Chase carried the fight to Wade in the fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth rounds, and as a result landed more often.

The ninth was an even round with Wade taking the tenth. He shook up Jack in the final round with a solid left hook.

By taking this session Referee Billy Burke called the scrap a draw.

Wade scaled 164, a pound more than Chase.

The house grossed $5,397.

Billy Smith, 166, defeated Bobby Castro, 162, in six rounds.

Billy Harrison, 149, copped a decision over Lincoln Stanley, 150, in six.

Cy Perkins, 149, outclassed Cal Robinson, 144, in four.

Al Rodriquez, 127, kayoed Danny Rush, 122, in one round.

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Jackie Ryan, San Francisco Irishman, copped a ten-round decision over Lepp Webster, John Henry Lewis' protege, in the headliner at National Hall.

Ryan stepped in as a substitute for Red Rasmussen, when the Navy Officials refused permission to let him go through with the bout.

There were no knockdowns and few exciting moments.

The crowd was stomping for action and after the sixth Jackie unlimbered sufficient belts to merit an edge.

Weights: Ryan, 149; Webster, 152.

The house grossed $1,366.

In the semi-windup, "Smiling Jimmy" Collins, 146, San Francisco, scored a knockout over Predo Jiminez, 143, Vallejo, in the third. Collins came off the canvas in the second to turn the trick.

Hal Allbritton, 140, stopped Kid Willes, 146, in two.

Reuben Flores, 163, stopped Eugene O'Brien, 163, in two.

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Paulie Peters, 164, San Francisco, scored a knockout over LeRoy Wade, 165, San Francisco, in the third. Punching Paulie caught LeRoy flush on the jaw with a hard right hand and dropped his foe for the full count.

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In the semi-final, Pete Viratos, 144, Sacramento, and Lincoln Stanley, 147, Oakland, fought six fast rounds to a draw.

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East Bay fans witnessed a wild heavyweight brawl when Johnny Haynes and Al Ware fought their scheduled eight-round headliner at the Oakland Auditorium. Ware, Oakland favorite, came out at the bell swinging galore. He dropped Haynes twice for nine-counts in the opening round and had him reeling and wobbly, but couldn't put on the "finishing touches." Near the end of the first heat the Los Angeles Negro recovered and sent Ware into the ropes with a left hook as the gong sounded, but Haynes kept pouring leather at Ware, flooring him before Referee Jimmy Duffy stepped in.

Coming out for the second round, Haynes tore at groggy Ware and shortly afterwards had him on the deck from rights to the head. Three times he went down from punches and once without being hit. Johnny ripped across a left hook that dropped him for the full count.

Other results: Billy Smith, 160, decisioned Charley Catos, 161, in eight rounds. Catos was on the canvas three times and had a badly cut eye.

Don Wixson, 140½, stopped Al Douglas, 139, in the final round of an eight-heater. Douglas was decked and when he rose wobbly, Wixson punched him around until the referee called a halt.

In the curtain-raiser, Cy Perkins, 149, and Cal Robinson, 142½, drew in six. Both boys scored knockdowns.

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Tommy Egan, San Francisco's hopeful welterweight, scored a technical knockout over Jimmy Collins, San Francisco, in the eighth and final round at San Jose.

Weights: Egan, 164; Collins, 145.

In the semi-final, Ray Salas, Berkeley, made his second comeback match a success by beating Zach Taylor, Vallejo, over the T.K.O. route.

Abel Lucero, 135, Fresno, kayoed Cal Robinson, 130, Oakland, in two.

Val Mejia, 145, Oakland, flattened Norman Logan, 145, Kansas City, in two.

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Here are the champions of both the Novice and Senior divisions of the Diamond Belt Amateur tournament held in San Francisco's Civic Auditorium.

*Senior Class*—Heavyweight, Joe Thompson, Hillside A.C.; 175, Delaware Bradby, Mather Field; 160, Harry Moronski, Treasure Island; 147, James Alexander, Treasure Island; 135, Jess Flores, Stockton; 126, Hamo Kazarian, San Francisco; 118, Fulton McMillan, Oakland; 112, David Martinez, Salinas.

*Novice Class*—Heavyweight, Roy Evans, Marine Corps; 175, Joe Barrett, Oakland; 160, Richard Baker, Hillside A.C.; 147, John Jackson, Salinas; 135, Tony Chavez, Y.M.C.A., San Jose; 126, Richard Sequeira, Oakland; 118, Joe Lugs, Y.M.C.A., San Jose; 112, Tommie Rhett, U. S. Navy.

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Johnny Haynes, 214-pound Los Angeles Negro, repeated with a knockout victory over Al Ware, 225-pound Oakland Shipyard worker, in the headliner at the Oakland Auditorium. The previous week, Haynes won in two rounds. This time it ended in the fifth. Before taking the count Al had his opponent on the deck four times.

Haynes floored Al in the first for a short count. Neither lad hit the deck in the second. Johnny hit the canvas for a six-count in the third.

The fourth saw Ware drop the Los Angeles Negro twice, for a seven- and a nine-count. Haynes hit the deck again in the fifth from a left to the jaw. However, he knocked Ware flat on his back for the full count, with an uppercut. The lads were scheduled for 16 rounds in their two matches but only went seven. In these seven rounds there was a knockdown in all but one.

Billy Smith, 162, won by a T.K.O. over R. J. Lewis, 158, Denver, in the third round.

Smith hit Lewis with a right to the chin as the bell ended round two.

The referee gave R. J. a five-minute rest and it took his seconds a full minute to revive him. He was an easy target for Smith when the bell sounded for the third. Billy Burke, the referee, wisely halted the match.

Domingo Valin, 190, Hayward, went to a six-round draw with Al Loboa, 180, San Jose. Valin dropped the Negro lad in the first.

Joe Ybarra, 149, defeated Lepp Webster, 153, in six rounds. The former registered a knockdown in the fifth.

The house grossed $2,878.12.

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Short Jabs: The Navy has restricted two lads from going through with their battles. At Oakland a few weeks back, Matchmaker Jimmy Murray had Coast Guardsman Gil Mojica and Matt Jiminez in the eight-round main-event, but the Navy stopped Mojica from going through with his match. Red Rasmussen, also a Navy boy, was slated to fight Lepp Webster at National Hall, but like Mojica, he was prevented from going through with the bout. . . . Rudy Rosenburg has taken his two promising lads, Freddy Taylor and Freddie Mais, to Southern California. . . . Jackie Ryan, San Francisco welterweight, held Chino Rodriquez, Texas Mexican, to a six-round draw at Hollywood. . . . In the main-event of that show, Tony Olivera, San Francisco bantam, lost out to hard-hitting Luis Castillo in ten rounds: Billy Harrison, middleweight, went to Southern California and scored four kayoes in five starts. . . . A blow was received in the boxing sport, when Gordon Croques, Oakland manager and second, passed away. He was associated with Harry Fine in Oakland in managing and seconding boxers. Gordon was 37. . . . Frankie Scaler, National Hall promoter, has spread out and will show weekly at Santa Rosa. Boxing night there is Thursday. . . . Willie Mandot, of Brooklyn, N. Y., has taken Jackie Cooper, Eastern welterweight, to the coast. . . . Al Loboa, San Jose Negro, won two decisions over Bobby Castro at San Jose this month. . . . Hal Allbritton has left for Army service, but intends to return to the fistic front when this war is all over. . . . The Diamond Belt Amateur Tournament was packed with thrills and drama. It went over big. . . . This writer's address: Robert Valli, 1910 Mason St., San Francisco 11, California.

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## INTERNATIONAL SERVICE BOXING NEWS

**By SGT. VIC AND PVT. TOM EPHREM**
**(In France and Sardinia)**

BOXING was able to make a great comeback in South Sardinia, thanks to the spirited efforts of several enlisted men, who took matters into their own hands, for the sake, mainly, of providing what they believed the best entertainment to offer Allied Servicemen in this locality. Their belief was justified with a most successful opening, with the large crowd on edge from the first to the last bout. At no time were the matchmakers able to receive any help from the Special Service Headquarters, but that didn't trouble them. They went to work on their own accord and when the bouts were over, those who had put on the show felt that something worthy and worthwhile had been accomplished to improve the morale of their Service buddies.

The soldiers responsible for the attraction are Pvt. Bill (Chick) Curry, of Lawrence, Mass.; S/Sgt. Bob Ford, of Aiken, S. C.; S/Sgt. Dick Sommerville, of Utica, N. Y.; and your humble correspondent pitched in with what he could, and also served as "announcer." The bouts took place at the American Red Cross (Miami Beach) Club, overlooking the Blue Mediterranean.

The American Red Cross was at its best here, lending assistance at every possible opportunity, and was responsible for the ring that was built for the occasion. Miss Esther Harwell, of Savannah, Georgia, takes a great hand for her wide interest in behalf of our boys who are stationed around here. She was, not so long ago, selected as our RED CROSS MOTHER. Miss Esther also donated the prizes given to each contestant.

Competition was keen among the American, French and Italian boxers. The boys went at it hammer and tongs, to bring out every voice in full support to the thrilling action, most particularly in the five-round main event between Pvt. Eddie O'Neal, promising Negro welterweight from Hot Springs, Arkansas, and his capable opponent, Loey Francesca, amateur welterweight champion of Sardinia.

Eddie was a good ten pounds above his fighting weight, and scaled in the middleweight class for this one. Loey, at 140, proved himself a wonderful scrapper. He surprised the G.I.'s with his ability to cope with the heavier, taller, and hard punching O'Neal. The Sardinian champ gave Eddie a big "mouse" atop his left eye. The latter fought with that handicap from the second round on, and credit is due him for his stand.

From the start, it was Eddie gunning for a kayo, and his charge after Loey brought the crowd to its feet as Francesca fought back, tooth for tooth. The Sardinian was very tricky with his style, bobbing low, coming in with a left hook to the body and following with an overhand right to the head.

It was this method that brought the small-sized balloon above the American's eye. O'Neal's advantages in weight, height, and his aggressiveness put him on the road to victory, as he kept after the Sardinian. Eddie's combination shots staggered Francesca repeatedly, and Eddie, in efforts to spill his opponent for the full count, played right into the local lad's hands, whereupon the latter would retaliate with looping lefts to the head, then rights, but all this could not stop the determined O'Neal.

In the last round, Eddie almost dropped Loey, after setting him up on the ropes with a jab and right cross punch. Both received a stirring hand in the best fight, not only on the card, but the best they ever witnessed in Italy. In other bouts, the results were as follows:

Bill Erskine, Anderson, S. C., lightweight, USA, defeated Rocky Stowell, USN, California, in an interesting three-rounder. Bill knew a little more than Rocky, but the latter made it up in courage, and by that was able to fight back, and with good results, due to the poor condition of the Southerner, whose work keeps him from proper training. Erskine outweighed his opponent by eight pounds.

An exhibition, three rounds, between Italian local boys, was next on tap, Caruchi Gianni, who fought for his country's team in the 1932 Olympics, faced Sama Tonio, 145, and gave a good show for the boys. Gianni weighed 140.

Two French soldiers came to blows in the next encounter. Georgie Holzer, 150, and Jackie Betlows, 154, of the Air Corps, also gave a pleasing scrap, resulting in a draw.

Lia Pinna and Ferrari Gianni, local light-heavyweights, provided the entertainment in another clash, an exhibition that saw some heavy walloping. Both are Italian pros. In a sensational slugging bee, Clarence Sheppard, 175, USA, gained a very close win over his youthful, but hard-punching rival, J. L. Jackson, 163, also USA.

Both Negro boys opened and closed the argument with heavy blows, first one, then the other, commanding the lead. The decision was soundly booed, many believing Jackson the winner. The winner is from New York City and the loser from Detroit, Mich.

The judges for these contests were Captain Farrah, former V. P. I. boxer, and Major Smith. The referee was Major Freund. Jim Alexander, of the American Red Cross, served as timekeeper. Announcing over the "mike" was your humble correspondent.

Former welterweight champion Joe Dundee has a son in the Air Corps doing his share for Victory, and the former kingpin himself joins in by his work as a shipbuilder at Sparrows Point.

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Another show was staged in Sardinia where the scarcity of boxers is keenly felt. Despite this shortage, however, the few bouts that are staged, are well attended and the action is so keen that the applause reaches a high mark. It is this enthusiasm by the spectators that makes the fighters box at top speed.

Opening the third week's card in Sardinia, Charles Brown, USA, weighing 142, earned the nod over Tommie Loomis, Bronx, N. Y., 135-pounder. Loomis looked as if he would be the victor in the first round, but the Steubenville, Ohio, boy had other plans. Brown carried the fight and landed the blows that enabled him to carry off the duke.

The good-looking Sardinian fireman, Ferrari Gianni, 179, local boy, overcame the big first-round lead of Bill Jones, U. S. army 172-pounder, and went on to win a hard-earned, unanimous decision. Jones got off to a very good start in that first round, scoring two knockdowns. He tried hard to get a knockout, but wore himself out in the effort. From the second round on, Gianni turned aggressor, and doubling this with some terrific blows, took the tough second. The last heat saw both boys battle at top speed, and once again Gianni's powerful punches proved their worth. Not only did he outwallop his American rival, but scored a knockdown to boot. The winner's popularity soared with this win.

Jones hails from St. Paul, Minn. He did very well, and the fans acknowledged him.

The third and final bout, a three-round exhibition, was well received by the boys. In this, Bill Erskine, Anderson, S. C., lightweight, showed his best form. His opponent, Ray Carroll, 150, Philadelphia, provided the laughs, while Erskine did the punching. It went over big with the boys. Both are U. S. army lads.

The judges were Sgt. Tommy Braddock; Stanley Mrak, an ex-boxer; the referee, Major Freund; and yours truly served as announcer. Putting on the shows, are Pvt. Bill Curry; Sgt. Bob Ford; Sgt. Dick Sommerville; and yours truly. The fights take place at the American Red Cross Beach Club, under the supervision of Miss Esther Harwell, who helps in many ways, by donating the prizes, etc.

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Joe Louis displayed his mighty fists in exhibitions for the G.I. Joes in Italy.

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In another boxing show only four bouts were arranged, but that didn't stop the boys from getting their fun. In the main event. Ferrari Gianni, fireman from this sector, outpunched Clarence Sheppard, U. S. army heavyweight, in three rounds, winning unanimously, though having to fight hard every minute to assure himself of victory. This slugging duel left the crowd wild after three of the most hectic rounds staged here. Sheppard's courage was outstanding. Gianni, an overgrown 19-year-old youth, whom all took for 25 at least, is a good puncher and takes a hard blow well, came back smiling and dished out some of his own bombs. This Italian boy, so enthused over American applause, is happier to receive a big hand than the prizes. However, Gianni receives both.

For this fight, he weighed 179, and Sheppard, 180. Sheppard is a Negro from New York, who participated in White Plains rings. A return to the ring for Ray Carroll, USA, 150, from Philadelphia, netted him a win over a colorful Sardinian fireman, Sama Tonio, 145. Carroll, who fought Bob Montgomery in the simon-pures, showed good form, although he was not in too good condition. Whenever he could get inside, Tonio was at his best. But it was seldom that he got that close. At long range Tonio tried hard to use a left hook. He landed some but most of them were blocked by Ray's forearm. This was another crackerjack fight. The victory tally was unanimous.

Billy Erskine, 135, lightweight champion of the Island (by virtue of the Boxing Tournament held earlier during the year for the Servicemen), was ahead of his opponent, Charlie Brown, 138, U. S. army, Steubenville, Ohio, but the judges called it a draw. Erskine, of Anderson, S. C., though a tired boy, landed the best blows. There should have been no doubt about the decision in his favor. For Brown, this was his first appearance here and he did remarkably well. With more fights under his belt, Brown is going to be a capable performer.

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Sgt. Clarence (Buzz) Bradley, professional representative in the featherweight ranks for the Fifth Army during the Algiers meet, and one of the best Illinois amateur cuffers before turning pro, is in Italy in a hospital. "Buzz" was wounded. The pleasing scrapper who should have been awarded the decision and the championship in the tourney, is getting along nicely but his wounds have definitely put an end to his boxing career. However, he hopes to keep going with his first love, the boxing game, and speaks of becoming a boxing coach.

"Buzz" is the third casualty among Fighting Fifth fisticuffers, the champions of that Algiers meet. The other two lads who were hurt, are Stan Berlicki, middleweight, first reported killed, but who eventually turned up several days later wounded, and Dick Romero, California featherweight.

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Bill Bradley, Illinois boxer, serving with Uncle Sam's infantry, won his first, and to date, his only, bout while overseas. Bill, boxing in the 160-pound class, defeated an Air corpsman. Incidentally, he is a brother of Sgt. Clarence "Buzz" Bradley, Fifth Army boxer. The brothers haven't as yet met while in Italy. We pray for their safety and meeting. Both are ardent followers of THE RING Magazine.

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Brother Vic writes from France, "We have no reading material here for our boys, except THE RING Magazines that I have been getting. They are gifts from Heaven. The boys are all for THE RING Magazine and you all will be surprised at the number of new friends it has made. Just keep on sending the publication."

This is a message directly from the front lines in France, where brother Vic is now fighting our enemies.

Vic and his fellow pals of his anti-tank infantry unit, serving so admirably in France, received a message signed by the heavyweight champion of the world, Joe Louis, when he was in Corsica. The note read, "From one Champion to a Champion unit."

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In a professional boxing bout in Naples, Cpl. Stanley Goicz, 172, New York, fought a draw with Horace Thompson, of Many, La. Thompson, a Negro boy, and a good heavyweight, one of the best in the Mediterranean sector, needs a few more bouts under his belt and we believe he will make anyone in his division step some to beat him. Goicz is a classy fighter who has yet to clash with someone at his weight. He has been spotting them many pounds, but the blonde boxer wants to fight.

From Lt. Reuben (Ruby) Elkins, well known in New York's boxing fraternity, we learn that the very nice-looking lightheavyweight prospect, Walter Zippell, of Hollywood, California, scored a kayo over the Sardinian lightheavy, Gene (Whitey) Couch. We boys in Sardinia know Whitey and we consider this an upset. Sammy Adragna, also a Sardinia-located welterweight, lost in his bout in Naples. Lt. Elkins regards Zippell as the finest prospect that he has seen.

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While at an American Red Cross Club, Somewhere in England, we happened to spot Jack Sentler's name in the register book. Sentler's was a very familiar monicker in Jacksonville, Fla., amateur boxing circles some years ago. He was a good middleweight boxer and captured numerous titles.

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Cpl. Henry Ussery, Gadsden, Ala., boxer, with the Parachuters in England, while waiting another assignment after his return from the Mediterranean theater, was sent back to the hospital, but this time not from injury. Tonsilitis floored Henry, but an operation put him in trim again. The Alabaman now weighs 171, different from his usual civilian fighting weight of 145. Ussery receives RING Magazines from this corner, thanks to THE RING Editor, Nat Fleischer.

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In the Solomons—Favorite entertainment of our fighting men in this spot is your first guess, boxing. Our boys, with New Zealanders and woolly-haired natives occupying the ringside seats, entertain the natives each Saturday night. Sgt. John Williams, Chicago welterweight boxer, who has won two Golden Gloves titles, is in charge. About 150 fighters take part. Heading the huge list are the fighting Weiss twins, Harvey and Moe, of the Bronx. The boxing shows have such a tremendous influence on the boys throughout the Solomons that the radio is now used to give the boys a blow-by-blow description of the bouts. On one card, U. S. Marines whipped a Hawaiian soldier team, 6 to 3, and on the same card, though not billed, were five fist fights among the spectators.

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Due to a new censorship ruling, neither writer's address can be printed on these pages. So please send letters intended for either to Nat Fleischer, who will relay the mail, notes, etc.

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In Italy—Heard from Larry Cisneros, former high-ranking welterweight of California, now with the Fifth Army in Italy. Larry's letter carries the sad news of the injuries to two members of the Fifth's championship boxing team—Dick Romero, California featherweight, and Stanley (Berl) Berlicki, New York middleweight. They were injured in Italy. Another Fifth Army boxer, Tom Hogan of Holyoke, Mass., is now home on rotation. Cisneros also informs us that "Chink" Broussard of Abbeville, La., a middleweight boxer, and recently a trainer, is in Rome.

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Ben Brown, former ranking middleweight boxer, and until recently the boxing matchmaker for the Special Service in Bari, Italy, has been shipped out, writes Stanley Goicz, New York heavyweight. Stanley's latest tiff was with Johnny Ebarb, who got a very questionable decision some months back over the New Yorker. The latter, still favoring an injured right hand, won easily over Ebarb in Bari last June. The weights were announced as 186 for Johnny and 188 for Stan.

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Sgt. Al Hornstein of Savannah, Ga., with the Fifth Army Headquarters, is trying to locate

Patsy Zoccano and would appreciate hearing from his pal. Since censorship prohibits us from giving our full addresses, will Zoccano please write us, in care of Nat Fleischer, THE RING Editor? We will give Al's address upon receipt of same. Zoccano is from Toronto, Can.

Jimmy Geary, Negro American soldier boxer, is in the Bari area. Jimmy is a middleweight from Paterson, N. J. He is tutoring a Negro light-heavyweight, Willie Jackson, who has but a few bouts under his wing.

Cpl. Danny McKenzie, former Minnesota boxer and Fifth Army trainer, is in Rome.

From North Africa—S/Sgt. Leon Zuckerman has an important question he wants settled. Since we have just received Nat Fleischer's 1944 All-Time Ring Boxing Record Book, the query is settled rather easily. To Leon and buddies: Those who say that Al Davis and Tony Canzoneri have met, are correct.

Ray Chorda, 130, also making his initial appearance here, scored a victory over Rocky Stowell, of the U. S. navy. Chorda, army product, Chicago being his home town, dealt out the most punishment. He rocked Rocky often, but the navy lad's gameness was above par, and enabled him not only to stand and fight it out, but surprised everyone by making Chorda back up many times. In all, it was a honey of a bout. Stowell, 130, is from San Bernardino, Calif.

The judges were Cpl. Ed Moroney, Chicago soldier with the Medics here; Capt. Farrah, of an ack-ack outfit here, and a former boxer for V. P. I. The referee was Major Freund. Your correspondent served as announcer. The examiners, Capts. Chaffee and Bloom, were the medical officers in charge. Both are in a hospital unit.

Corsica—Perry Bryson, hard-socking youngster from Dallas, Texas, who captured the All-Sardinia amateur heavyweight championship and made a remarkable showing in Algiers, in the big meet, is now located with his unit, in Corsica. Perry will be sorely missed on the South Sardinia boxing programs.

Another excellent fight program in South Sardinia's American Red Cross Beach Club gave proof that boxing can become the best entertainer once given the chance to speak for itself. It's a date for all who are free every Saturday evening at the outdoor Beach Club, and the bouts never fail to arouse deep interest. Miss Esther Harwell, assisted by Miss Marion Scott, directs the shows. Matchmaker Bill Curry, along with yours truly, has some very capable boys performing, the outstanding being Pvt. Eddie O'Neal, a Negro 150-pounder from Hot Springs, Ark., the finest prospect that we have yet seen since being overseas. Eddie is definitely heading for places after the big fracas is all over with, if he takes the best care of himself until properly placed in good, honest and capable hands. His five-round exhibition with the much heavier Ferrari Gianni, a Sardinian, was one of the finest masterpieces. He was given the nod after the bout, but as it was an exhibition, it will not go down as a win on his amateur record.

Another favorite with the boys here, Billy Erskine, former Golden Gloves winner from Anderson, S. C., had plenty of trouble with Hank Kim, smooth boxing Chinese lad in our forces, but came on to score a two-round T.K.O. when Kim tired and had to call a halt. Erskine's heavier punching accounted for the victory. Hank's left jab was a honey. This bout was billed as an exhibition, since Erskine weighed 138, and Kim, 124. The latter is from Los Angeles, Calif.

Tommy Loomis, Bronx 135-pounder, punched out a well-earned decision over Earl Johnson in three rounds. Johnson, from Philadelphia, did a good job, and at times would steal the points lead from Tommy. The latter's aggressiveness finally stood out.

Noli Antonio, Sardinian, weighing 136, was given a three-round T.K.O. over Jimmy Mazzone, 142, Philadelphia. Mazzone stood taller than the local fireman, and though not a heavier puncher than Noli, he did rock the Sardinian continuously in the second round, after taking the same dose in the opening canto himself. Jimmy tired badly in the last round and rather than see the Quaker City cuffer suffer an injury, the referee stopped it midway in the round and awarded Antonio the T.K.O. This fight was one of the most bitterly fought yet shown on the A.R.C. cards.

Another Negro boxer who looks good, and has the boys talking, is Freddie Drake of Washington, D. C. Freddie fought in his high school boxing programs, and shapes up as a good boxer. His weight is 160, and the A.R.C. in South Sardinia has an excellent prospect, to our eyes.

On the card mentioned above, we left out the three-round draw result between New Orleans Army lads, Walter Johnson and Jerry Holland. They battled it out evenly in an excellent scrap. Johnson weighed 150 and Holland, 155. Both boys are Negroes, stationed near here, and they appear on the A.R.C. cards.

On the day following one of their big fight cards in Italy, a dinner for the boxers of the 15th Air Force Service Command was arranged by General Beverly who was represented by Major Spencer, his Deputy, Chief of Staff, and the pugilists, American, British and Italian, were presented with gold and silver medals, in token of their outstanding services in providing entertainment and aiding morale. Major Long was the spokesman and gave out the awards. The major is a top boxing fan and always pitches in for the boys. An award was also given to Staff Sergeant John Potter of the Special Service Section for "devotion to his new job."

Naples, Italy—Leon Haire, the St. Louis Kid, threw a sortie of pulverizing punches at a local Italian, Armando Desmone, for a two-round kayo in the main event at the Palm Theater. The semi-final bout between Marshall Higa, professional bantamweight champion of the Inter-Allied Algiers tourney, a Fifth Army lad with the famous Japanese-Hawaiian Battalion, and Ricardo Giliberti, local boy, went to the American entry, but won an unpopular decision. Higa was way off form, no doubt due to inactivity since last February, while his adversary slammed punches with authority.

A draw call was given the action-filled affair between Tony Gordon, of Bakersfield, California, and Salvatore DiGennerro, local, as both shot over their heavy artillery throughout. Gordon often jarred the Naples boy with straight lefts to the head. Wallace Casey, of Charlestown, W. Va., won from Angelo Chiovatto, Naples.

James Williams, of Miami, Florida, outpointed Gino Mercurio, of Salerno. Benny Williams, from San Antonio, Texas, stopped Guido Guiseppone, Naples, in the second. Nathan Baynard, of Philadelphia, Pa., decisioned Cosmo Ligorio, Naples. With the exception of the draw match above, the Americans swamped the Italians in every bout, for a wonderful score to their credit.

Sardinia—Two former collegiate boxers are now with the same ack-ack unit, "Somewhere in Sardinia." Major Lee Farrah, during his stay at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, competed in the welterweight and junior welterweight classes, in 1937, '38, and '39. Major Farrah hails from Lynchburg, Va.

Captain Jack Wennersten, of Pottstown, Pennsylvania, boxed for the University of Alabama during the years 1931, '32, and '33 as a lightweight. At the boxing bouts held here at the Red Cross Beach Club, he is one of the judges while Major Farrah is the third man in the ring.

Tunis, North Africa—Sgt. Don Wallenfang, Milwaukee boxer, writes in from his area, and tells us that boxing will take place there with facilities already arranged for the training of the boxers. A ring has been built, as well as a speed bag and heavy bag having been put up for the fisticuffers. Don will send in the results to this corner to appear in THE RING Magazine.

Sardinia—Red Cross Beach Club boxing fans are keeping watch over a Negro youth who made them all sit up and take notice with his ability. Freddie Drake, of Washington, D. C., is the lad, and this middleweight sure can move around, not failing to mention that he can hit, too. Freddie did his boxing at his high school.

Another Negro boy shows signs of becoming a good boxer. His experience is very limited. He had never donned the gloves until he arrived here in Sardinia and appeared on the A.R.C. mitt programs. Bill Jones, a lanky light-heavyweight from St. Paul, Minnesota, is the fellow. Both boys are U.S. soldiers. Drake boxed at Cardozier High in Washington, D. C.

Teheran, Iran—This historic city was the scene of a two-day boxing program, consisting of 24 bouts, that saw several boxing champions meet defeat before a large crowd in the biggest clash yet seen here. Contestants from the Persian Gulf Command, the British RAF, and Iranian swat kings all fought hard and every inch of the way for the honor of their sector. Hal Augusta, owner of the PGC, ME and AA titles in the 175-pound class, lost out to the Iranian champion, Alexander, in the main event. Alexander unloosed a heavy barrage that left Augusta a tired boy in the last two heats. The heavyweight title-holder, formerly of the PGC, Ralph Ivans, also met defeat, as his last-round rally failed to stem the tide with Jimmy Grant, a Negro boy, who is in the stable of Sgt. Allen LaCombe, former boss of Ivans. Grant had a big lead in the first two chapters. Augusta is also with LaCombe. The complete card follows:

Charley Booth, APO 535, decisioned Albert Carranco, APO 795, in a lightweight affair. Alex Staunch, APO 535, used a good long left to beat Wilfred "Bull" Durham, APO 784, in a middleweight clash. Tommy Cazares, APO 795, earned the nod over Alex Pappas, APO 797, in a wild-and-woolly lightweight dish. Charles Skinner, APO 523, skinned a close win over Jerry Cota, APO 795, both weighing 140.

A middleweight tussle went to Jimmy Taylor, APO 535, as he bopped John Costa, APO 797, down twice to the canvas, in a good punching three-rounder. (In the Cazares and Pappas fight, both boys hit the deck.) Leanie Johnson, APO 783, won a first-round T.K.O. over Albert Rizzo, APO 797, as the winner's left hand found Rizzo's Adam's apple a perfect target. These boys are middleweights.

Frankie Banas, APO 784, got a knife-edge nod over Mike Bocanegra, APO 795, in a classy encounter. Both boys tipped the scales at 139. Lou DiSanto, APO 797, won a brawling battle over John Peterson, APO 795, in a light-heavyweight affair. Peterson was unsportsmanlike in his manner. Charley Bennett, APO 795, scored a knockdown over Benny Sheffron, APO 784, during the second round, and went on to win his bout, a light-heavyweighter.

This bout was the semi-final to the opening show. In the final scrap, James Grant, APO 795, upset the dope by grabbing the duke over the heavyweight ace, Ralph Ivans, formerly of the same APO, but now with the 523. This was a sluggeroo, with the winner taking the first and second chapters for a good edge. Both weighed in at 192.

The following day's results follow: Larry Meehan, APO 795, won from Ray Turner, APO 535, in a middleweight argument. Marcus Briones, APO 795, bested Don Anticknip, British RAF, in a featherweight feast. Rene Valiquet, APO 523, copped a close one from Bob Grindley, APO British RAF, also a featherweight clash. The British RAF got its first win as Bill Hawkins, welterweight scrapper, trumped Glen Evans, APO 783, in an excellent welterweight bout. Mike Bocanegra, APO 795, returned from the previous night's loss to score a decision over Toughy Jenkins, of the RAF, in the iron-man stunter. The fight was just that, a good one, and close. Both boys came in at 140 pounds each.

Claude Vanover, APO 795, and George Bayne, APO 784, were principals in a duller. They are heavyweights. Ali Abash, APO 523, and Hassaen, APO 794, went to a draw in two rounds. These youngsters, Iranian "back shop" boys, weighed 96 pounds apiece, and the fans got a good show. In fact the gloves were much bigger than the kids. El Jamil, Iranian heavyweight champion, decisioned James Crawford, APO 794.

The bout between Andrew Reynolds, APO 797, and Lloyd Price, APO 535, was ruled by Referee Eddie Espineira, as "no contest," in their light-weight meeting. John Callender, APO 795, shot a wicked right into the stomach of Bob Cross, APO 797, and stopped the latter in the welter-weight offering. Lester Myrup, APO 795, was the best man in his battle with Jim Brugaletto, APO 523, regardless of the last-round rally put up by the latter. Mel Noenich, APO 783, gave a good account of sportsmanship as he took a three-round T.K.O. win over Leon Halloway, of APO 784, the two being lightweights. (Myrup and Brugaletto are welters.)

In the semi-windup, "Rock" Campbell, APO 795, knocked out Joe Solar, of APO 535, in the opening round. Both are welterweights. Campbell looked trim.

The main event found the Iranian light-heavyweight champion, Alexander, scoring a big upset in taking the number of Harold Augusta, APO 795, in a thrilling three-rounder. Augusta, apparently not in the best of condition, was an exhausted battler. The two weighed 175 each.

The boys representing APO 795, were under the handling of Sgt. Allen LaCombe. Complete co-operation also included Major Thomas J. Walsh, whose officiating was of ace high calibre; Col. J. H. Gildea; Captain C. F. Gilpin; Lt. Paul B. Devlin; Sgt. Charlie Clark; Sgt. J. Caffaro; Cpl. Vince Otto; Cpl. E. Weeks, and Pfc. Ralph Ivans. Also Pvt. Eddie Espineira, referee; Captain F. T. Lynde and Lt. H. M. Clark, judges; and Major Jack C. Schoo, the timer. These men helped to make this two-day fistic show the success it was.

Sardinia—Pvt. Eddie O'Neal, U. S. Army lad by way of Hot Springs, Arkansas, finished Ray Roussey, U. S. Navy, 158, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, with a right cross to the button, in the second round of their bout at the American Red Cross Beach Club. O'Neal put an end to his courageous opponent after sending him to the canvas earlier during the same heat, and when Roussey arose, he met his Waterloo. Roussey had just got off his ship in search of a boxing match, and was told he was up against a tough hombre, but the sailor boy didn't mind, so anxious was he to don the gloves. O'Neal happened to be the only opponent available, thus the fight took place. The Navy lad did himself proud, giving Eddie a whale of a fight until the Negro connected with a left hook to the body, a right to the chin, for the first knockdown. Arising gamely, but glass-eyed, Roussey was a clean target for the sharpshooting Eddie, and thus ended a sweet scrap.

Another favorite of the Red Cross boxing presentations, Bill Erskine, U.S.A., 134, Anderson, S. C., lost a close decision which I think he should have won in his tangle with a good newcomer to the local ring, Masella Guisseppe, 133, local fireman.

Erskine has but one defeat chalked against him in the ARC ring. He is a very popular performer before the servicemen.

Pena Francesca, local fireman, weighing 155, overcame the awkward British gamester, Cliff Hewitt, also 155, and scored a T.K.O. in the second round.

Another two-round T.K.O. found the well-liked local Sardinian fireman, Ferrari Gianni, 174, the winning fighter, in a tilt with Frank Pettigrove, U.S.A. soldier, a Negro boxer from Chicago. Pettigrove put up a showing that was a credit, despite the finish. He weighed 170. Referee Lee Farrah awarded the bout to Gianni a few seconds before the conclusion of the round.

Another interesting three-rounder, ending in a draw, was between another U.S. soldier favorite, Tommy Loomis, Bronx, N. Y., 136-pounder, and another local fireman, Pisani Guerriaro, 133. It was called even-stephen, after three hard-fought cantos.

## WESTERN NEW ENGLAND
By GEORGE ROSS

WILLIE PEP of Hartford, Conn., world featherweight champion, won easily over Joey Peralta, before the largest crowd that ever attended a boxing match in Western Massachusetts. More than 14,000 attended.

This has been a big season for the Springfield Sports Club, with Al Caroly, matchmaker; George Sheppard, talent scout; the Broden brothers and with George Lindstrom promoting. These men are responsible for its success.

LeRoy "Budda" Jackson is now operating the Springfield Gym. He has about 15 fighters training there. Among them are Art McAlpine, heavyweight; Sandy Mack, welterweight; Charlie McCarthy, welterweight; Charlie Warren, lightweight; Ritchie Gibbons, welterweight; Nick Stato, lightweight; Billie Boyle, heavyweight; Jimmy Stathis, featherweight; Red Mills, lightweight, and Terry McGovern, 2nd, featherweight. His prize pupil is Saint Paul, who has won his first two pro fights.

I received a V-mail letter from Pfc. John Noel, who is on an island in the South Pacific. Also received mail and magazine from Albert E. Potter of San Diego, Calif.

Joe DeMaria, who for years was matchmaker of the Valley Arena before going into the Army, is now running a Bar & Grill at Thompsonville, Conn. Walter McCormick is now piloting Nick Stato, the Greek lightweight. Joe O'Brien who taught Beau Jack is helping "Budda" Jackson with the boys at the Springfield Gym. Phil Quillan who has been boxing some time now is working out daily in the gym, but he is gaining weight. He has gone from the lightweight to the middleweight class. Quillan would like a few fights but he realizes he is past his peak.

Les Krell, the man who pilots Joey Peralta, Jock Leslie, Henry Sumi and Gunner Barlund, has made many friends around Springfield, Mass. Lou Viscusi, Bill Gore and Pete Perone are responsible for conditioning and managing Willie Pep to the top of his class. Nick Norris is promoting at Nashua, N. H., and is doing well, with Frankie Ross as his star attraction.

Stanley Jackson of Worcester, Mass., intends to open up a boxing club at Southbridge, Mass. Johnny Cool, Corky Davis, Billy Campanelli, Waddell Washington, are Worcester, Mass., fighters who are busy in out-of-state clubs. Steve Kronis, Ed Carroll's fighter, made a hit in Montreal, Can., on his first appearance there.

Fighters without managers who wish to fight in this section, get in touch with the writer, at 50 Carlton Ave., Chicopee Falls, Mass. Can keep a good willing fighter busy.

## IOWA, NEBRASKA AND SOUTH DAKOTA SPARKS
By BILL HAWKINS

SIOUX CITY, IA.—Pfc. Donald DeWayne Brophy, middleweight champion of the Sioux City Golden Gloves tournament in 1939, was killed in action while serving with the Marines on Guam, his parents were informed by the War Department. Pvt. Brophy was born November 18, 1924, enlisted in the Marine Corps the day before his 18th birthday. The former boxer was sent overseas March 9, 1943, and took part in the battles of Midway, Makin, Tulagi, Guadalcanal, New Georgia, Russell, Bougainville, and Guam. He was wounded at Bougainville last April. The last letter received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Brophy, was written August 5 this year from Guam.

Wisner, Neb.—Four star Sioux City Golden Gloves boxers appeared in exhibition bouts on a boxing card as the climax to the annual celebration of the Fire Department. Feature attraction on the card was Clayton Johnson, bantamweight champion of the Sioux City tournament and who won the bantamweight title of the Chicago tournament and the intercity matches held in Madison Square Garden, New York City. Johnson boxed with Wilbur Christensen, Golden Gloves flyweight champion. Others who showed their wares included Sgt. George Williams of the Sioux City Air Base and Dick Kane. Kane is a Wisner boy and is a protege of Jim McGill. He was the 1943 Sioux City lightheavyweight champion and a finalist at the Omaha meet.

Dubuque, Ia.—Sgt. Irvin J. "Red" McDonald, well known throughout the Middle West to boxers and managers, when he was sports editor of the Dubuque *Telegraph-Herald*, was killed in action in Normandy, the War Department has announced. McDonald was killed on the second day of the invasion.

Last Minute Sparks—The writer is making every effort to compile a list of former boxers, managers and others connected with the sport of boxing, who have been killed or injured in the service of their country. . . . I would greatly appreciate it if my readers from South Dakota, Nebraska, and Iowa would assist me, as it is the names of these servicemen from these three states that I am seeking. . . . The least we can do for these boys who went down fighting is to mention the fact in THE RING, so please help me. . . . Mail will reach me at 2206 N. Lafayette, Sioux City, Ia. . . . My phone number is 86849. . . . Sgt. Phil Montgomery, well-known Sioux City professional boxer, is now a boxing instructor at Randolph Airfield in Texas. . . Rev. John Catalino, former boxer, is now an evangelist and made a stop at the Billy Sunday Memorial tabernacle in Sioux City. . . . Louie Mays, Des Moines lightheavyweight, was knocked out in the third round of a billed ten-rounder, at the hands of Archie Moore, at San Diego, Calif. . . . Moore held a marked advantage over the Des Moines fighter, except for a brief spurt in the opening round when Mays floored him for a no-count. . . . A boxing card was staged at the Iowa State Prison to top off a crowded two-day sports program. . . . Dubuque is on the Iowa wrestling map. . . . See you next month.

## NORTHERN NEW JERSEY BOXING NEWS
By LEWIS ESKIN

RAMBLING AROUND—Northern New Jersey boxers were active in out-of-town rings with the following results: Alex Doyle drew with Joey Miller, Tom Schenk lost to Nate Wright, Johnny Cool knocked out Johnny Bourke, but lost to Pat Demers and Gene Margarida.

Ray Rovelli whipped Frankie Terry and Oscar Suggs but lost to Artie Levine, Freddie Schott knocked out Danny Cox and whipped Billy Grant. Dom Amoroso knocked out Jackie Savino and Thaddeus Cabey Lewis.

Johnny Julian drew with Walter Cabey Lewis. Billy Grant knocked out Al Johnson. Jack Conners outpointed Leon Kennedy.

Teddy Neopolitano lost to Joe Griffo. Joe Reddick lost to Holman Williams and Joe Carter. Jimmy Anest lost to Jimmy Hatcher. Pete Virgin knocked out Joe Tirola but lost to Carlos Chavez.

Best Prospect of the Month—Davy Allen Young, Undefeated Cliffside Park featherweight.

Results for the month—Roosevelt Stadium, Union City, N. J., Aug. 8—Sailor Joie Haddad, 144, Paterson southpaw, floored Artie (Henry Johnson) Towne, 145, New York, twice in the first round and went on to win a close decision in eight. Santiago Sosa, 147, Panama, and Roy Peterson, 142½, New York, drew in eight. Milton Skyers, 143, New York, outpointed Al (Teddy) Green, 148, Bayonne, 6. Al Harrison, 158, New York, knocked out Marine Wally DiMaio, 156, Bayonne, 5. Carmine Garfano, 143, Brooklyn, outpointed Ellsworth Simley, 137, Brooklyn, 4.

August 23—Joe Curcio, 146, Newark, knocked out Roy Peterson, 147, New York, 1.55, second round. Cecil Schoonmaker, 118, New York, knocked out Winnie Taitt, 124, Harlem, 4. Davy Allen, 124, Cliffside Park, outpointed Jose Torres, 126, Bronx, 6.

Carmine Gargano, 140, Brooklyn, outpointed Jose Fernandez, 136, New York, 6. Billy Alvarez, 141, New York, stopped Nick Restino, 138, Newark, 2.

Aug. 30—Mario Maicelli, 149, New Haven, T.K.O.'ed Angelo Meola, 143¾, Brooklyn, 5. Milton Skyers, 142, New York T.K.O.'ed Julio Malavez, 140, Puerto Rico, 4. Irv Palefsky, 146, New York, outpointed Eddie Moore, 147, Newark, 6.

Bobby Brady, 142, Bayonne, and Ellie Simley, 142, New York, drew in 4. Jimmy Cartelli, 154, Brooklyn, outpunched Lou Spurdis, 153, N. Y. C., in 4.

September 5—Dom Amoroso, 134, Jersey City, increased his winning streak to 15 straight when he easily out-pointed Johnny Williams, 138, New York, 8. Nat Litfin, 139, Bronx, knocked out Tommy Murray, 135, Boston, 6. Davy Allen, 123, Cliffside Park, outpunched Jose Torres, 125, Bronx, 8. Nick Restino, 139, Newark, outpointed Woodrow Winslow, 142, Harlem, 4.

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## IN INDIANAPOLIS RINGS
By ANTHONY COPPI

WEEKLY "club nite" boxing shows presented by the Hercules A. C. are proving to be a big hit in Indianapolis. The fight programs held each Thursday night consist of six bouts, thirty rounds of boxing. Fans are voicing their approval by a mounting increase in attendance each week. The shows during the outdoor season are held at the downtown Sports Arena.

Roland Hopp, local Chippewa Indian middleweight, won in a thrilling scrap over Arnold Deer, Indianapolis. This six-round interesting bout featured the local weekly "club nite" fistic program.

Tony Antagnoli, clever New York lightweight, now stationed at Camp Atterbury, easily outboxed A. C. Lee, Indianapolis, in six rounds.

James Sherron, local welter who was down for a nine-count in the first, knocked out Joshua Thompson, Muncie, in the third round, slated for five.

Jim Crowe, Camp Atterbury, outpunched Bill Jennings, local Negro middleweight, in four rounds.

Billy Hayes, Indianapolis welterweight, was ahead all the way in a five-round bout with George Sutters, Louisville, Ky.

Jim Munroe, Camp Atterbury lightweight, decisioned Billy Sparks, Indianapolis, in four.

Mutt Schwartz, Columbus, Ohio, welterweight, and Frank Rand, 18-year-old local Negro, battled to a draw in six rounds.

James Sherron, local welterweight, knocked out Tommy Ovaltree, Columbus, in a scheduled six-rounder. A solid right to the jaw one minute and 30 seconds after the opening gong put the Buckeye lad down for keeps.

Tom Woodard, 176, also of Columbus, handily won over Herb Jones, 182, Indianapolis, in five rounds.

Alonzo Wills, Columbus 130-pounder, used an effective right uppercut to gain a decision over Billy Sparks, Indianapolis, in five rounds.

Marshall Allison, local welter, and Billy Hayes, also local, went four rounds to a draw.

Tiger Kiggins, local middleweight, won all the way from Ray Clark in a four-round opener.

Colion Chaney, Indianapolis Negro heavyweight, won from Ed Young, Camp Atterbury, by a T.K.O. in four rounds of a bout scheduled for six. The loser was forced to quit with a severely cut eye. Chaney also registered a knockdown in the second heat.

Arnold Deer, local middleweight, won a close decision over Jim Crowe, Camp Atterbury. Although Crowe was aggressive he continually ran into a stiff left hand thrown by Deer.

James Sherron, Indianapolis welter, hammered out a clean-cut decision over Tiger Kiggins in five rounds. Kiggins, also local, absorbed a lot of punishment.

Nate Barr, Camp Atterbury southpaw lightweight, won over Joe Poindexter, local Negro in five rounds. The latter rallied in the last two rounds and had the soldier bleeding from both eyes.

Marshall Allison knocked out Kid Bufkin in four and Kid Watson won the decision from Joe Dahm in a four-rounder.

Jim Crowe, Camp Atterbury middleweight, was awarded a close six-round decision over Roland Hopp, local Indian, in a give-and-take wild punchfest.

James Sherron, local welter, won his sixth pro battle when he outpointed Gene Ward of Chicago in six fast rounds.

Arnold Deer, popular local puncher, and Bill Parsons, wild swinging welter from Danville, Ill., fought to a five-round deadlock.

Herb Jones, Indianapolis, and Allen Small, Elwood, heavyweights, were all square at the end of five rounds. This pair has fought three stalemates in a bitter rivalry.

Kid Watson, Evansville welter, earned a decision over Marshall Allison, Indianapolis, in four rounds.

Joshua Thompson, Muncie Negro welter, scored a T.K.O. over George Sutters in two rounds, carded for four.

Cpl. Jerry Kiger, 143, of Fort Harrison, was winning by a comfortable margin from Bill Parsons, 155, Danville, Ill., but ran into a wild swing and was knocked cold in the fifth round. Kiger was almost up at the ten-count. A near riot developed because many fans thought he had beaten the bell. A tough break but it was a legal knockout.

Tito Taylor, Chicago middleweight, was awarded a T.K.O. victory over Bud Hershey, Ft. Wayne, when the latter failed to answer the bell at the start of the sixth round. Hershey was weakened by several low punches thrown by Taylor.

Arnold Deer eeked out a close win over Frank Rand, local middleweight, in five rounds.

Mike McKessick, local welter, knocked out Joshua Thompson, Muncie Negro, in the fourth round, slated for five.

Bob Linn, 161, Ft. Wayne, won a four-round decision from Fred Bailey, 160, Chicago, and A. C. Lee, 130, Indianapolis, won over Joe Poindexter, 128, also of Indianapolis.

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## WITH GENERAL CHENNAULT'S AIR FORCE IN CHINA

AN Air Base in China—A large hangar at one of Gen. C. L. Chennault's 14th Air Force bases became China's version of Madison Square Garden on August 18, when eight sets of "Flying Tiger" boxers slugged it out before a crowd of 3000 soldiers. Although each of the eight bouts lasted only three rounds, the roaring fans were twice brought to their feet when knockout blows flattened unlucky pugilists to the canvas.

High point of the evening was an exhibition match between Capt. Mark Conn of New York, Golden Gloves National Lightweight King of 1936, as well as collegiate champ, and Cpl. Malvin Shields of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Shields was at one time the Tulsa Golden Gloves Champion. Capt. Conn not only supervised the bouts but trained the boxers previous to the match. He has been instrumental in stirring up ring interest at this base for the past six months and has conducted a course of sparring lessons weekly.

Special Service Department of the 14th Air Force under Lt. Col. Fred C. Thomsen sponsored the event. Among the throng of spectators were Maj. Gen. George E. Stratemeyer, General Chennault and Brig. Gen. Edgar E. Glenn, Chief of Staff of the 14th. During intermissions a musical group known as the Harmonomaniacs entertained with their harmonica antics.

First of the evening's two knockouts came in the fourth bout, when Sgt. Andy Polan of Pennsylvania blasted Sgt. Tommy Nelson, 185-pounder from Bridgeport, Conn., to the canvas within seconds of the last bell. A right uppercut caught Nelson off guard and toppled him for seven counts midway through the last round, but he held on tenaciously for several minutes before Polan connected again and dropped the Bridgeport battler for good.

Another exceptionally tough workout was bout eight, when Sylvester Hendricks of Birmingham, Ala., turned the tables on Bob Healy to win by a T.K.O. after the latter had walked off with first-round honors. Healy opened fast but faded as the Southern G.I. gained momentum towards the halfway mark. In the middle of the third Hendricks cut loose with a volley of left-rights to the body and finally caught on with a sharp right uppercut to the head that brought Healy low.

Three bouts brought draw decisions; in each one there was plenty of fight shown by the contestants. Cpl. Lenny Valenti and S/Sgt. Joe Ruscigno tied after slugging it out in the center of the ring and, in one instance, drawing blood. Sgt. James Wilson and Pfc. Johnny Pellagrino showed fast action, but neither could gain a permanent advantage. In the seventh bout two heavyweights of the 215-pound class, Sgt. Willard King and Sgt. Danny Saas of Wilmington, had the crowd sitting forward in their seats while they pounded each other to an even finish.

In other battles Sgt. Wm. Hanes of Virginia won over Sgt. Andy La Cassa, and Sgt. Mike Haverne took a decision from Cpl. Irvine Woods of Providence, R. I.

Referees were Capt. Conn, Col. Thomsen and Cpl. Oliver Munhenk, while Capt. Newell Monget, Cpl. Ernest Beres and Sgt. Kavell served as judges.

## IN BRITISH GUIANA

By COMPTON SANTOS

UNDER the floodlights at the U. S. Naval Base Arena in British Guiana, a delightful boxing program was staged. The first bout was a sizzling six-round affair, between C. Kellman, 130, and W. Cummings, 132. The former kept the situation well in hand all the way to romp off with the decision.

Only one preliminary came off, and that was an aggressive four-rounder, bringing together A. Hinds, and V. Obermuller, 112. The bigger puncher, Hinds, who overweighed his opponent by 24 pounds, used his bulk to good advantage, wore him down, and took the edge.

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The Naval Base Arena was again the center of attraction the following week, when W. Fraser and M. Smith were presented in a six-round scrap for the benefit of the U. S. sailors. The fight ended in a close decision for Smith.

The boxing gym at the Naval Base is now being run by George "Stinging Ant" Fraser, B. G.'s double-crowned champ.

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The B.G. Police and Garrison staged a show and the Police won easily over the Gunmen by the one-sided score of four to one. The results are as follows: In the lightweight division, Pvt. Durant humbly bowed to the flailing fists of P. C. Rolston, who was much the stronger.

In the lightweight class, Gunner Boxhill won the only bout of the day for the Garrison by dishing out a fine hiding to P. C. Brathwaite.

In the welterweight bracket, P. C. Schanco defeated Bombardier Morrison, while P. C. Adrige administered a second knockout to Cpl. Nurse and P. C. Harry took the measure of Sgt. Eytle.

The only bout in the middleweight class proved to be the best of the card. It was a fine boxing exhibition between Cpl. Grimes, and P. C. Harry (Sr.), with Harry gaining a hairline decision.

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That guy "Young Joe Louis" just keeps on dynamiting all opposition sent his way. On August 7, he blasted the well-planned dreams of Alvin Joe in one minute and 40 seconds of the fourth round. Alvin was down in the second frame for a count of seven, in the third for five and seven, and in the fourth for nine, and at the count of five as he again hit the canvas, the referee wisely stopped the slaughter. Louis, at 144 pounds, had a half-pound advantage.

The six-round semi-final brought together Black Dynamite, 141½, and Nick Farley, 147½. Dynamite's aggressiveness caught the judges' eyes and he got the edge.

Jonathan Kennedy received a very unpopular decision over Alphonso Jones in a four-round preliminary. Jones tipped the beam at 113 pounds. Kennedy weighed 127.

Tommy Dale, 115½, won an easy four-rounder from Young Kid Singh, 119, in the first fight of the night. These bouts took place at the Olympic Stadium, Georgetown.

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## CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA

By DANNY MYERS

ALLENTOWN—Jamaica Harold Smith, 147, Detroit, stopped Sid Miller, Youngstown, O., in 1:20 of the fourth at the Allentown Fair Grounds.

Smith was the aggressor, but he met with stiff opposition from the looping right-hand punches of Miller. In the third, Miller sent hard rights to the mid-section of Smith which had the Detroiter groggy, but Smith came through and won by a kayo in the fourth.

The semi-windup was hotly contested. Bobby Smith, Philadelphia, 126, a stablemate of Harold Smith and Bob Montgomery, faced stubborn Mario Colon, 127, Mexico City, who claims the Mexican featherweight title. Colon won the duke at the end of ten torrid rounds, It was a unanimous decision. The bout was interesting and the boys battled toe to toe most of the ten rounds. There were no knockdowns, but Smith slipped to the mat several times, evading the elusive Colon, who was throwing punches along the ropes on these occasions.

Claude Zotter, the promoter, presented three ten-round wind-up bouts, in which a new star appeared before Allentown fans in the person of Freddie Russo, 126, Rahway, N. J., 18-year-old high school boy, against the durable Cocky Johnny Cockfield, 130, of Washington, D. C. The Washingtonian was not the durable shockproof battler of past fights that the writer has seen him in as Johnny was halted via the T.K.O. route by Russo in 2:28 of the fourth of this scheduled ten. Russo will face Sal Bartola at a later date.

Ross Strickland, 168, New York City, was awarded a T.K.O. over Gus Baltimore, 160, Harrisburg, Pa., in 1:31 of the third round in the opening bout which was scheduled for six rounds.

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The promotion licenses of busy Marty Cohen, promoter, and Mike Latzo, his matchmaker, were suspended by the Pennsylvania State Athletic Commission. It is known that Cohen and Latzo have built the boxing game in the city of Scranton, Pa., with the help of the fans, but were caught out of bounds by the alert State Athletic Commission.

Commissioners Leon Rains, chairman, of Philadelphia, George Jones of Williamsport, and Matt Bain of Pittsburgh, have made it plain that they will not have illegal tactics involved in boxing or wrestling in any way in the state of Pennsylvania. Shows that are advertised must go on, and boxers must fight in Pennsylvania if they expect to be paid and they must not stall. If they do, their purses are held up, action is taken by the Commission, and, if they see fit, the boys will be rematched at the same club and must fight without receiving a purse or be suspended.

Personally, I am hoping that the Commission will lift the ban on Scranton as it is a boxing-minded city and has shows every Monday night.

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Jimmy Hill, 146, a product of Harrisburg, Pa., journeyed to Phillipsburg, N. J., and battled with Henry McNeal, 154, Philadelphia. Hill, a product of the Harrisburg *Telegraph* Golden Gloves, who holds a decision over the ever-popular Billy Arnold of Philadelphia back in his amateur days, did very well in the neighboring state when he won by a kayo.

I would advise that you watch this Harrisburg knockout artist. He is a port-sided puncher and a fair boxer who carries dynamite in either hand. He has won most of his battles with the knockout punches and has seldom been carried over the third round as he goes to work as soon as the bell clangs.

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Claude F. Zotter, the well-liked promoter of Allentown who acts as matchmaker, as well as promoter, is doing a swell job and the Allentown fans like him for it. On August 21 he presented an excellent card that drew 2,275 paid admissions. Freddie Russo, the boy from Rahway, N. J., who stopped Sid Miller on a previous card, returned and this time he faced Irish Tommy Murray, 134, of Toronto, Canada. Russo, a little fellow who tips the Fairbanks at 132, repeated with a T.K.O. over the Canadian clouter in the second round. The first round was even, but the Rahway boy let go with two thunderous wallops flush on Murray's left eye in the second to end the fight. Murray's left optic was closed and bleeding profusely when the referee, Jack Saurina, stopped the bout.

In other bouts Freddie Sammons, 142, Chester, Pa., was awarded a close decision over Benny Jeffries, 148, New York City, at the end of eight torrid rounds.

Red Fees, 137, Lebanon, Pa., was awarded the decision in another gruelling battle over the six-round route with sharp-shooting Buddy Heron, 139, Philadelphia, Pa. Bobby Waters, 128, Harrisburg, Pa., and Jimmy Allen, 124, of Philadelphia, Pa., fought to a six-round draw. A last minute injury made it impossible to carry out the other four-rounder, between Joe Quinn, Tamaqua, Pa., and Charley Frey, Philadelphia. Quinn received an ankle injury when he alighted from his auto on arrival at the Fair Grounds and was unable to go on.

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Reading, Pa., presented a slambang show with George (Dusty) Brown, 134, Wilmington, Del., scoring a T.K.O. over popular Paulie Jackson, 128, Reading, Pa., in the third round. Jackson bled profusely and sustained a deep gash under the left optic that made the referee stop the bout which promised to be a thriller.

Wild Bill Dearing, 182, Harrisburg, Pa., came through in jigtime and stopped Tommy Russell, 180, Philadelphia, Pa., early in the first round. Dearing is managed by the writer and is the former Harrisburg *Telegraph* Golden Gloves open, heavyweight champion.

Booker Robertson, 177, Philadelphia, Pa., delivered the lethal punch in the fifth round that rocked Joe Frederick, 180, of Chester, to sleep. Phil Carroza, 140, Philadelphia, felled Red Fees, 136, of Lebanon, Pa., for the knockout in the third round. Bobby Waters, 128, Harrisburg, Pa., gained a six-round decision over Talbert Anderson, 133½, of Chester, Pa.

Thanks to the Pennsylvania Athletic Commissioners for lifting the suspension of Marty Cohen and his matchmaker, Mike Latzo, in the Anthracite region, Scranton, Pa. These gentlemen, with the help of the fans, have done a swell job in the northern or upstate region of Pennsylvania.

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Allentown boxing went over with a bang again on August 28 when Claude Zotter staged a rubber match between Andy (Slugger) Klinges of Wilkes-Barre, who weighed in at 142, and Red (Dutch) Schultz, 142½, of Philadelphia, Pa., in the wind-up of eight rounds. Klinges had the large end in at least five of the sessions and was awarded the unanimous decision.

Again, a Wilkes-Barre, Pa., battler came through with flying colors, when Frankie Jaynes, 120, punched out an eight-round decision over Johnny Wolgast, also 120, of Philadelphia, Pa. No knockdowns were scored but Jaynes won. Wolgast, a bolo puncher, lost two rounds for low punching.

Henry (Knock 'Em Dead) Anderko, 160, Bethlehem, Pa., ran into trouble when Jimmy McElroy, Wilmington, was unable to make the trip to Allentown, because of gas shortage and Knock 'Em Dead had to face Delmar Gruhart, 158, Philadelphia. Gruhart, a good substitute, was awarded a popular decision at the end of six hard-fought rounds. Knock 'Em Dead, after the fight, announced his retirement from further ring warfare.

Rocky Jackson, 147, Philadelphia, won by a knockout over Joe Quinn, 150, Tamaqua, Pa., in the first round. Jimmy Connors, 137, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and Jimmy Dougherty, 137, Tamaqua, Pa., fought to a draw in the six-round opener.

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## TIMELY CHATTER FROM GREAT BRITAIN

By JOHN S. SHARPE

RONNIE JAMES of Swansea, now serving in the British Army, has, after six years of waiting, achieved his ambition of taking the British lightweight title back to his native Wales by knocking out the holder, Eric Boon of Chatteris, in the tenth of a bout that was scheduled for 15 rounds at the Cardiff Arms Park, Wales.

The contest took place in the open air before a record wartime crowd of 35,000 people, and it was obvious from the second round onward that boiling down to the lightweight limit had taken its toll on the Chatteris lad, who at the weigh-in was an ounce overweight. This he reduced in the allowed time, but entered the ring looking drawn, as against James at 134 pounds, looking very fit indeed. Both lads had not fought at the lightweight limit in some time, having devoted their time to boxing welterweights, and some doubt had been expressed as to both boys' ability to make the weight. However, James seemed to make the limit with much less difficulty than did Boon, and it is this writer's opinion that the weight problem was the deciding factor in Boon's defeat, for at no time during the contest did he look even a shadow of his former self.

James, who is notoriously a slow starter, adopted a different method of attack than is his usual wont. In this contest, he attacked from the first gong, and surprised Boon with his hard punching.

The bout proceeded along even lines during the first and second rounds, but the third round saw Boon on the receiving end, a position he did not relinquish until the close.

He was dropped for a count of nine, and although he rose and fought back gamely, it was obvious that James had the title within his grasp.

From the fifth round on, Boon took count after count, taking twelve in all during the contest, but all his gameness could not help the champion avoid the heavy barrage that the Welshman was throwing up.

In the seventh round, after being dropped by James for a short count, he arose and caught James on the chin, and the Welshman dropped for a count of three. The crowd rose with excitement, and for a moment it seemed that Boon had found himself, and we were going to see the sledge hammer blows that endeared him to the hearts of boxing fans in prewar days. But this was only a flash in the pan, and on rising, James again took command and punched Boon where and when he liked.

The eighth and ninth were merely repetitions of the previous rounds, with Boon catching and James pitching, and it was a sorry sight to see Boon down, and up, and down, and up, and know that there was nothing he could do about it.

The tenth round started out at a fast pace, and within a few seconds of the gong, Boon was on the canvas again, taking a count of nine. He arose groggy and James let him have the haymaker, a punch to the head, which caught him between the eyes and, with this blow, the weary Chatteris champion dropped like a log and rolled over, and while he was trying desperately to get up, he was counted out.

The chief supporting bout introduced to the professional ring one of Britain's finest amateurs in Cyril Gallie, ex-A.B.A. welterweight champion, and he was paired with seasoned Harry Lazar of Aldgate in a bout scheduled for eight rounds.

Gallie showed that he is a fine prospect, indeed, for he made light work of Lazar and dealt out a great deal of punishment to the Aldgate lad, flooring him for seven counts before the referee stepped in to save Lazar unnecessary punishment. Before the end of the eighth, it was apparent that he had no chance of winning.

In ten rounds, Bert Gilroy of Scotland gained a points decision over the Welsh veteran, Glen Moody of Pontypridd.

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Jackie Paterson of Scotland, now serving in the R.A.F., and holder of the flyweight championship of the world, beat Ronnie Clayton of Blackpool in the final eliminating contest for the British Empire bantamweight crown at Liverpool Football Ground, when Clayton's handlers skied the towel in the twelfth of a 15-round contest, as a token of defeat.

Paterson had a difficult road to travel to win, for Clayton fought like a wildcat. At one time during the tenth round, having cut Paterson's eye and attacking furiously, he seemed likely to put the champion out for the count, but it was here that Paterson's superior ringcraft stood him in good stead, for after hanging on and recovering well, he feinted with a right hook and shot a beautiful left to the body which put Clayton on the canvas and completely turned the tables.

Clayton hung on cleverly, but in round 12 he took a right to the left eye which had previously been cut in the fourth, and Paterson, never letting up, had him in a bad way when his chief second skied the towel.

The show was promoted by Johnny Best and 25,000 paid admission.

Paterson, by his victory, now meets Jim Brady of Dundee for the British Empire bantamweight championship.

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Vince Hawkins of Eastleigh retained his unbeaten record after 59 contests when he stopped Jack Moran of Bournemouth at Gosport in the fourth of a scheduled ten-round contest.

The bout was interesting while it lasted, with Hawkins always on top, and it came as no surprise when Moran retired.

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Dennis Timoney, 114¾, of Glasgow, fought a grand ten-round contest with Mickey Colbert, 114¼, of Liverpool, at the Liverpool Stadium, and after a most exciting bout, the referee called it a draw, a decision with which no one could argue.

Cyril Wills, 145, of Shrewsbury, won over George Henley, 147, of London, by a technical knockout in the third of a scheduled ten-round contest.

Bobby McDonald, 121, of Glasgow, fought a sterling eight-round bout with Johnny Regan, 121, of Bradford, before being returned as the winner.

Arthur Nutter of Bradford won by a technical knockout over Tommy Murray of Liverpool in the sixth of a scheduled eight-round contest.

Len Barton of Liverpool won on points over Norman James over six rounds.

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Al Phillips of Aldgate won his eliminating contest with Len Davies of Wales at the Queensberry All Services Club, and will now meet Nel Tarleton for the latter's featherweight title.

The contest's ending was extremely unsatisfactory and was very badly received by the crowd for, after a close exchange in the sixth round, Phillips suddenly crumpled to the canvas, and the referee unhesitatingly disqualified Davies for what he alleged to be a low blow.

Until the untimely closure, Phillips had been forging steadily ahead, but Davies, with the memory of three previous defeats still rankling in his mind, was fighting back and the contest had become full of thrills. The ending thus was doubly disappointing to the fans.

In the chief supporting bout Dave Crowley, Southern Area lightweight champion, originally billed to meet Syd Worgan of Wales, met a substitute in Johnny Russell of King's Cross and after being warned twice for incessant holding, was disqualified in the fourth.

Johnny Ward of Ireland defeated Jim Smith of Ireland after eight furious rounds, while Bobby Ramsay of Stepney knocked out Jack Crossley of Liverpool in the third of a scheduled eight-round contest, and George Albrow of Brighton outpointed Jim Wilde, R.A.F., over eight rounds.

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Nel Tarleton, featherweight champion of Great Britain, outpointed Johnny King, British bantamweight champion, in eight rounds in the open-air show staged by Reg King at Nottingham. Tarleton proved too elusive for the hard-punching bantamweight champion, who relied on his heavier punch to bring Tarleton down.

Bruce Woodcock of Doncaster was to have clashed with Al Delaney of Canada, but the latter could not obtain the necessary leave from his army duties and the promoter was given the headache of finding another opponent for Woodcock.

At the last minute, Joe Quigley of Ireland was put in to fill the breach, but he was no match for the hard-hitting cruiserweight, who is destined to go places, and the referee stopped the one-sided contest in the second.

Dave Crowley, Southern Area lightweight champion, outpointed Eric Dolby of Derby over eight rounds.

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Dick Shields, 143¼, of Liverpool, won on points over Frank Gilloley, 142½, of Glasgow, in ten rounds at Johnny Best's Liverpool Stadium.

Billy McCarthy, 147, of Glasgow, was adjudged the winner over Jim McLean, 146, of Edinburgh, when the latter was disqualified in the seventh round for an alleged low blow.

Billy Hughes of Birkenhead won by a T.K.O. over Mick Milner of Bradford in the fifth of a scheduled eight-round contest.

Tom Hesketh of Liverpool kayoed Alf Rozier of Leeds in the third of a six-round contest, while Johnny Durkin of Leeds won over Tommy Rose of Liverpool in the fifth of a scheduled six-round contest, when the latter was disqualified for an alleged low blow.

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Norman Lewis of Nantymoel beat Bobby McGhee of Glasgow, when the referee stopped the contest in the sixth of a scheduled ten-round bout at Bridgend.

In a bout of eight rounds, Syd Worgan of Llanharan outpointed Griff Williams of Cymer.

In six rounds, Len Jones of Treherbert outpointed Ron Pritchard of Llanharan, and Gwyn Davies of Blaengawr beat Eddie Purchase of Gilfach in the first of a scheduled six-round contest.

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Over ten rounds, George Parkes of Dundee outpointed Johnny Summers of Edinburgh in the eliminating contest for the flyweight championship of Scotland. Parkes weighed 111, and Summers, 111½.

The contest was promoted by George Grant at Tannadice Park, Dundee, and drew an attendance of 5,000 people.

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At Forfar, Scotland, George Grant again presented George Parkes as his main attraction and on this occasion paired the young Scottish flyweight with Charlie Kerr of Glasgow, ex-amateur fly- and bantamweight champion of Scotland.

Parkes demonstrated his punching ability and stopped Kerr in the fourth.

## FORT HUACHUCA SLANTS
By CPL. BILLY DUNCAN

A series of bouts were staged at our outdoor arena before a capacity crowd of rabid fans. They were the Regimental (371) title fights, although an "alien" appeared in the person of Cpl. Booker Beckwith of the 92nd Division Band.

Beckwith, from Gary, Ind., as fans remember, was a light-heavyweight title contender prior to entering the army. He has fought such stellar ringsters as Solly Kreiger, Melio Bettina and Bob Pastor among other stars.

The main bout and feature attraction of the evening was between Cpl. Beckwith and Cpl. Billy Duncan, the U. S. army heavyweight champion. This bout was a "chiller-diller" throughout, with Duncan taking a hard-fought decision at the end of three rounds.

At the bell, Beckwith was a gory sight and on the verge of a knockout. This marked the second time these gladiators have fought each other; Duncan lost to Beckwith in Chicago in May, 1940. The weights were: Beckwith, 174; Duncan, 179.

The semi-final saw an almost equally contested scrap between Cleveland "Spider" Brown, 150 pounds (K Co. 365), against Walter Harper, 149 pounds (Medical Det. 371). It was one of those "you punch me—I punch you" affairs, with the stronger, and more experienced, Brown winning the decision in three rounds.

In preliminaries, James Wright, 140 pounds (H Co. 371), and James Morrow (L. Co. 365), staged a close fight and the officials couldn't agree on the winner, so they called it no decision. Both boys stood toe-to-toe and slugged for three rounds without a let-up.

The officials erred on that one, as an amateur championship bout under Golden Glove rules cannot be ruled a no decision or a draw. All in all it was a very excellent fight.

The opener brought together two arch rivals, in the person of Sgt. Willie Strickland, 135 (L Co. 365), and Pvt. William Watkins, 135 (L Co. 365), for the lightweight diadem. It was a splendid bout with Strickland gaining the verdict.

The winners received handsome gold lined silver cups, as a token of their gallantry.

Early in August, our boxers journeyed to Del-Ray Auditorium in Tucson, Arizona, and for the first time were repulsed but, despite the intense heat, they put up some swell fights, leaving there with their heads bloody, but unbowed. In one of the wildest fights Tucson has seen in years, Cpl. Al Smith, 195, Huachuca (former sparring mate to Champion Joe Louis), hit Battling Colima, 202, Tucson Mexican, with everything but the ticket office, only to lose the verdict in four rounds. This was the referee's decision. The crowd booed loud and long.

The semi-windup brought together again Booker Beckwith, 175 (Huachuca), and Billy Duncan, 178, also of Huachuca. This time, Beckwith and Duncan put on a tame fight in contrast to their former meetings.

In the main event of eight rounds, Cleveland "Spider" Brown, 152, of Huachuca, fought Sgt. Santos Quinjana, 154, El Paso Mexican. This bout had the fans on their feet throughout. Brown, the master boxer, completely bewildered the Mexican who is stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas. He hit Quinjana with every punch in the book, until midway of the sixth round the Mexican let go a right hand in a desperate attempt to pull victory "out of the fire," and that he did. Almost out on his feet himself, he caught the cagy Brown flush in the solar plexus, and Brown hit the canvas. He fell face forward, then turned over on his back while the referee tolled the fatal ten.

Your correspondent is writing this column from a hospital bed, but "I'll be up and at 'em pretty pronto."

Here and There—Freddy Dixon, the good Phoenix, Ariz., welter, is going great guns on the Pacific coast. Gordon Croques, popular fight trainer and manager, died August 21st, in a Berkeley, Calif., hospital, following a two-day illness. He had pneumonia. He handled Lloyd Marshall, Buddy Baer, Bob Smith and many others.

Leon Blaire, the St. Louis (Mo.) star, is stationed somewhere overseas, as is Ezzard Charles, the Cincinnati, Ohio, 160-pounder, who kayoed Booker Beckwith in Pittsburgh a few years ago.

Sgt. Art Foster, who fought as a pro around Buffalo, N. Y., and the New England states, recently won the South Pacific welterweight title.

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Cleveland (Spider) Brown, Fort Huachuca's welterweight pride, won an impressive eight-round victory over Joey Martinez, rugged 147-pounder from Juarez, Mexico, in the feature fight of Promoter Harry Eagles' Fight Show, August 29, at El Dor Rey Auditorium in Tucson, Arizona.

Brown, after his knockout setback at the hands of Sgt. Santos Quinjano, three weeks previously, showed a complete reversal of form. The game Juarez Mexican was no match for the hard-hitting and well-conditioned Brown. Although he made a gallant stand, he was completely outclassed, and lost a unanimous decision. The weights were Brown, 149; Martinez, 147.

In the eight-round co-feature, Leroy Jeffries, 163, Huachuca, knocked out Bobby Montoya, 163, El Paso (Tex.) Mexican, in the fourth heat. Montoya, billed as the middleweight champion of El Paso, was unable to solve the offense or defense of the rangy Jeffries. Using his superior reach to advantage, Jeffries outboxed and outspeeded his shorter foe, sending him to the canvas in the second and third rounds for short counts before applying the coup de grâce. The end came in two minutes and 30 seconds of the fourth.

In the third feature, Battling Colima, Tucson's iron man, won on a foul from Lorenzo Strickland of Huachuca, in two rounds. The abbreviated contest was a "torrid" one while it lasted, as both boys were throwing leather from bell to bell. Strickland was warned by Referee Charley Thornton numerous times for his fouling. At the end of the second round, the bout was awarded to Colima on a foul. Strickland was substituting for the ailing Billy Duncan who is hospitalized. The weights were Colima, 190; Strickland, 187.

In the four-round curtain-raiser, Tucson's Bobby Sorrio was given the nod over Louis de Angel of Juarez. They are lightweights.

Promoter Harry Eagles is trying to line up a ten-rounder between Ken Overlin, former middleweight champion of the world, and "Professor Billy" Duncan, the Fort Huachuca boxing instructor, for early fall in Tucson.

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## JABS FROM ST. LOUIS AND VICINITY
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LEON HAIRE, who reigned here in St. Louis during 1938, '39 and '40 as the open division featherweight King of Slug, is now a sergeant in Uncle Sam's Army. Haire was unbeatable during the three years he held the title in the St. Louis Golden Gloves Tournament sponsored by the *Globe Democrat* and finally had to leave these parts and invade new territory in order to find competition in the hempen square, and at the time of his entry into the service was fast becoming a real threat to the topnotchers of his weight in the fistic industry on the East Coast. Sgt. Haire who is stationed Somewhere in Italy just recently fought on a French Liberation card and won an eight-round decision.

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I wonder if the Bobby Giles who is now fighting in the middleweight class with so much success around Pennsylvania and New York, is the same Giles who used to fight amateur as a welterweight here in DeSoto, and who was stationed at the Washington State Park C.C. Camp. Let me hear from you, Bobby, if you are one and the same.

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The death of two former St. Louis Golden Gloves champions, Pfc. George Clement of the Marine Corps, and Pfc. Griffin Ivey of the Army, removes two great amateur champions who won their titles in the 1938 Tournaments of Champions. Clement was wounded on Saipan, June 17, and died of his wounds on July 2. Ivey was killed in action in France on July 27. Clement won the sportsmanship award in the 1938 Golden Gloves and won a championship in the Ozark A.A.U. tournament that same year. After his entry into the service, he was welterweight champion at Camp Elliott, California, and of the second Marine Division in Hawaii. Ivey who fought for the Boys Club in St. Louis battled his way to the lightweight crown in the open division of the 1938 Golden Gloves. After winning his 1938 title Ivey made the trip to Chicago with the other open champs for the great Mid-western Tournament of Champions and was eliminated in a bruising three-round slugfest by Ed Smith of Detroit.

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Deacon Logan, the St. Louis Negro middleweight, who is piloted by the veteran fight manager George Wilsman, is still campaigning in the East. On August 21 the Deacon fought in Baltimore on the "Police Department's Widows' Pension Fund" card where he lost a very unpopular ten-round decision to Johnnie Carter of Philadelphia who came in at 163.

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Marine Sgt. Marshall M. Wells who was known to followers of the simon-pures around here as Red Wells continues his winning ways. He has run his string of consecutive victories to six. On the last two Island "X" Marine Corps boxing cards, Red, who fights as a welter, scored two victories in the main events.

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Charley Riley and Eddie Lee, proteges of Jack Callahan of St. Louis, are slated to make an appearance in Minneapolis. Riley, undefeated in 26 bouts, including 23 knockouts, will fight in the main go. Riley and Lee are both featherweights.

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Lou Wallach and George Wilsman who are partners in the punch-promoting business at Kiel Auditorium here in St. Louis are booking their fall program.

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## IN CHICAGO
### With GENE ENGEL

BOXING around Chicago simmered down to almost nothing in the past month. The Marigold outfit presented the only action for the month.

Bob Garner, sturdy-built Louisville, Kentucky, light-heavyweight, out-scored husky Dan Merritt, Cleveland 209-pounder, in their encore of ten rounds. Their previous engagement ended in a draw with Garner being the victim of poor judgment on the part of the officials.

In their latest bout, Merritt started out as though he were going to make serious trouble for Bob, but the Kentuckian's speed and swifter punching kept Big Dan at bay.

Jerry Pittro (Baby Galento) made an appearance after two months' layoff and beat Bill Jennings, Louisville welterweight, in the six-round semi-final. Pittro weighed 154½ to Jennings' 143½ pounds.

In the five-rounders, Jimmy Crowe, Danville, Ill., welterweight, subdued the oft-kayoed Frankie Gaffney in but two heats, and Lad Ellison, 185-pound protege of Pinkie George, out of Des Moines, Ia., delivered the lethal knockout pellet in 22 seconds of the second round. This Ellison is a lean Negro, who is graceful in movement and a dynamic puncher. He proved his knockout prowess by dropping Robert Solmitio, Louisville 198-pounder, with a sharp left hook for the count.

In the opening contest, Jimmy Calhoun, just back from the armed services, won handily over Oscar Williams. This match was the professional debut for both pugilists. They are lightweights.

Several Windy City boxers trekked over to Milwaukee, where they engaged in bouts on a card headed by Juste Fontaine, Fritzie Zivic's prospect, against Pedro Ibarra—Fontaine won out in the ninth canto.

The victorious Chicagoans were Johnny Flanagan, 188 pounds, following up his pro win over Roosevelt Thomas, with a sensational one-round stowaway of Vergie Van, hard-punching Milwaukeean. Keep your eyes on Flanagan.

Dan Robertson, Chicago, 144½, defeated Walter Halba, 141¾, of Milwaukee. Bob Fowler, Chicago 144¼-pounder, fought a four-round draw with Charley Pope, Milwaukee 144-pounder. The only Windy Cityite to come out on the wrong side of the ledger was Bobby Williams, 135, who met his Waterloo at the hands of Marion Rhoten, 129¾, via the kayo route, in round two. The show was presented at the Milwaukee Auditorium.

For the convenience of you Chicago and Downstate boxing followers, who would like to become more familiar with Chicago's fight scribblers, here are their names, accompanied with their sheet representation: Joe Rein, Chicago *Daily News;* Frank Muskrat, Chicago *Daily Times;* Harry MacNamarra, Chicago *Sun,* Frank Mastro, former Chicago RING scribe and of the Chicago *Tribune,* and last, but not least, Dan Desmond, who, I understand from Pinkie George, was sports editor of the daily publication out Des Moines, Iowa, way, before joining the *Herald-American* staff.

Sports editors who have generously yielded face to boxing are Gene Kessler, *Times;* John Carmichael, *News,* and, at times, Warren Brown of the *Sun.*

In the featured attraction of a triple eight-round billing, Robert Earl, Vern Hoppe's classy 140-pounder, won a hectic contest from Charley Parham, 148. Earl during the first frame displayed oodles of class but in the second stanza backed away from loping swings delivered by the "Brewery City" Negro, with the result that on each occasion Earl was the recipient of a smack on the chops. The dusky Chicagoan maintained this flaw in the third heat and "Zoom," he was caught with a timely right-hand swipe that put him down for a two-count. Thereafter the fight was a good one.

In the second bout, Harry Green's middleweight, Charley Wells, Gary, Ind., after a long layoff, came back to action with a man-sized task on his hands, Lou Angelucci, six-foot, 157-pound battler, was his opponent. Angelucci won, but found Wells an ever-willing opponent, who went where the fighting was thickest. Wells weighed 150 pounds.

And in the third contest, involving heavyweight Colion Chaney, Indianapolis, Indiana, 189-pounder, and Art McWhorter, Gary Hoosierite, weight 171½ pounds, Chaney was declared the winner via a technical kayo in round seven. In all justice to McWhorter, the referee should have allowed the bout to continue. The proper time to have halted this bout, if at all, should have been during the first four rounds when it looked like Art was merely a punching bag for Chaney, who dropped him at least once in each of these aforementioned rounds. It appeared quite silly to halt the fight in the seventh in view of what occurred earlier in the battle.

Frank Rand, Indianapolis, Indiana, middleweight, won with plenty to spare in his four-round opening tiff opposite Henry Pomeroy, of Milwaukee, who displayed inept boxing ability.

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Pvt. Mickey Grod, who did plenty of glove wielding hereabouts against Doll Rafferty, Frank Pintero and others of that calibre, has been transferred from Camp Grant, Illinois, to Camp Fannin, Texas.

Here's part of a letter I received. Dear Gene: We have at the Great Lakes Naval Station a fighter who doesn't do much talking about his experiences, and also fights under a different name. His real name is "Leftie" William Mandell. He has had a little bad luck up here due to a broken hand, which has slowed him up considerably. He is a RING Magazine follower and I think he would get a big kick if he saw his name in your article, as he comes from Rockford, Illinois.

He is a blond-headed, 168-pounder, who is five feet nine and one-half inches tall. He is 22 and has had several years of ring experience. He has boxed professionally at Marigold Gardens and Duquesne Gardens.

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Jimmy Hunt, South Side welterweight, scored a unanimous eight-round decision over Tommy James, fellow Negro Southsider, in a Marigold headliner. It was a fast fight all the way with Hunt ripping in counter right-hand "bolo" swings to James' leads. James also suffered a cut over his right eye.

In the eight-round attraction, Bill Peterson, Indiana Harbor, Ind., 203-pounder, beat Frank Androff, 195-pound Minneapolis, Minn., belter.

Roy Lewis, Muncie, Indiana, 134-pounder, brought about an upset when he beat Gene Ward in five nip and tuck rounds. Ward scaled 145 pounds.

In the bout between Jimmy Crowe of Danville and Henry Pomeroy of Milwaukee, Pomeroy walked into a right-hand wallop over the left shoulder and was stretched out for the count in the first round.

And in the opening contest, Jimmy Calhoun won his fight over a lad whose name I failed to obtain.

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George "Puggy" Sluka, former professional fighter, now in the armed service over in Europe, says hello to his friends back home. Sluka, prior to entering Uncle Sam's forces, was the secretary of the Veteran Boxers' Association.

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Jerry Pittro, Chicago 152-pounder, won an eight-round decision over gangling Jimmy Crowe, 151, of Danville, Ill., before 7,000 recently in the main event of a card sponsored by the 26th Ward Democratic Club.

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Bill Parsons, Danville, Ill., welterweight, and Robert Fowler of Nashville, Tenn., fought to a deadlock in the six-round semi-windup.

Mel Workman, South Bend, Ind., middleweight, defeated Jimmy Bishop, formerly Bishop Murphy, in five difficult rounds. Also at the same distance, Ted Christie of New York City, featherweight, scored over Jimmy Calhoun and Fred Bailey, Chicago 160-pounder, won via the T.K.O. route over Mike Edwards, in round three.

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Don't forget, you servicemen out of Chicago and the State of Illinois, who have had professional boxing careers, prior to your war effort, write to Gene Engel, regarding your ring career, and I'll be only too glad to publish same. My address, 2121 East 68th Street, Chicago, Illinois. See you back home, soon. Am I right?

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## SOUTHERN BOXING FLASHES
### By CLYDE SMITH

TEXARKANA, ARK.—Pvt. Sam Ruffo scored a T.K.O. over Pvt. Cecil Conn (4). Pvt. John Fleishman, 160, won over Joe Forgy, 162, Civilian (3). Pvt. Sam Ruffo outfought A. Lewis for the second decision of the evening (3). Pvt. Lawrence Baptiste knocked out Pvt. John Miffersmith (2). Pvt. Charles Zito gave an impressive exhibition with Sgt. Lee Foreman. Pvt. Harry Pla, 135, won over Lee Williams, 133 (3). Otto Brown, 136, won over Morris Thomson, 135 (3).

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Camp Fannin—Sgt. Tommy Roman, 145, of Barksdale Field, La., defeated Pvt. Kenneth Heersche, 144, in the second round, scheduled for six. He was awarded a T.K.O. when a cut over the Camp Fannin fighter's left eye was opened. Other results not available.

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Yours Truly has just returned from a three weeks' vacation around the Ozarks. Had a wonderful time in the mountains. The fishing was grand. More news next month.

## IN HAWAII

By CPL. MACK SHERMAN

ONE of the most interesting cards of the season was presented by Leo Leavitt at the Civic Auditorium before a capacity crowd of 5,100 and grossed $8,956.50. In an eight-rounder, Chico Rosa, 118, and Joho Shiromo, 116½, battled evenly for six full rounds and until the start of the seventh it was anybody's fight.

Coming out for the seventh, Shiromo charged out of his corner and met Chico before he had time to leave his stool. Rosa sidestepped his opponent and Shiromo clipped Chico with a left hook as he was going away. They both mixed it up and as they were coming out of the clinch, Chico let loose a terrific right hand that caught Joho flush on the chin and staggered him.

Chico sensed that he had his opponent groggy and took advantage of the situation by raining blows relentlessly to the head and body. Shiromo was completely at his mercy, but he nevertheless made a courageous stand and survived the round.

Knowing that he had the fight won up to this point, Chico did just enough boxing in the final stanza to allow Shiromo to go the distance. Chico was declared the victor. It was a hard-fought bout all the way. Although it wasn't a title match, Chico's crown was at stake because they both came in under the bantamweight limit.

The prelims, all four-rounders, produced plenty of action and laughs. In the semi-final, Sabas Jamito, 135½, kayoed Eddie Mara, 136, in the second. It seemed that Eddie was doing fine in the first round until just before the bell rang, when he lashed out a terrific right to Jamito's head. He evidently injured the paw as a result of this blow and consequently he was no match for Sabas in the second.

In a wild and humorous bout, Frenchy Dorlac, 147, decisioned Wild Peter Reyes, 152. It was a free-swinging affair which was thoroughly enjoyed by all, due to the antics of the wild man. Reyes dropped Dorlac and had his own way for the first two rounds. Dorlac got life in the third and dropped Reyes to the canvas three times and came through in the fourth to cop the duke.

Manuel Anduha, 125¾, gave Whitey Donnelly, 124, a boxing lesson and the bout was stopped by the referee in the third. Whitey was a willing performer but Anduha was too rough, tough and smart for him.

Joe Sanchez, 126, put away Pete Nowokunski, 125½, via the T.K.O. route in the second round. The former amateur champ, Billy James, 133, made his pro debut by putting away Bobby Wright, 130½, in two.

A strong finish in the final round gave Gus Rosa, 121, the decision over Victor Sagpang, 124. Bob Sawtelle did a fine job as the third man in the ring.

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At the Civic Auditorium, Ralph DeJohn spotted Big Bill Lewis, the Territorial heavyweight boxing champ, 15 pounds, and thoroughly convinced himself, the fans and the judges that he could take everything that Lewis threw at him and still defeat the Negro for the title. This is exactly what happened in one of the most sensational fights seen here in many a moon.

In the first round, Lewis took the lead by landing hard lefts to DeJohn's face and it looked like Lewis would have an easy time of it. He clearly took the round.

DeJohn bounced out of his corner for the second and outboxed the big Negro champ, and in doing so, Lewis couldn't find DeJohn and missed on numerous occasions. DeJohn earned this round and the fight was even.

At the sound of the gong to start the third, DeJohn outboxed Lewis again and was doing a fair job of it when midway through the round, Lewis fouled DeJohn unintentionally and the bout was halted for the required time limit. DeJohn was taken to his corner and he recovered sufficiently to continue the round, which was awarded to Ralph. The fourth was a repetition of the second, with DeJohn using his superior boxing knowledge to good advantage, and he earned the round.

The fifth proved to be the most sensational stanza in the entire fight when DeJohn lashed out with fury and tagged Lewis flush on the chin with a devastating right that floored Lewis for a nine-count. Lewis got up staggering and DeJohn was on top of him like an enraged tiger throwing hard rights and lefts to the head and midsection and Lewis again was dropped in his own corner.

The arena was in bedlam. Lewis struggled to his feet and DeJohn pummeled him with stiff rights to the head and as Lewis fell to the canvas for the third time, the bell saved him at the count of five. This proved to be DeJohn's best round. Had the fight gone another thirty seconds, Lewis could not have made it to his feet.

Surprising as it may seem, DeJohn was a very tired boy at the beginning of the sixth and Lewis recuperated miraculously to make a great comeback. He soundly trounced Ralph with hard rights and lefts that had the challenger in a very bad way. Ralph's face was covered with blood as he made his way to his stool at the end of the round. Coming out for the seventh it appeared that Lewis might kayo Ralph if he caught him. These last two rounds put Lewis right back in the running and the last round was the deciding one. At the sound of the bell to start the final canto, DeJohn came out refreshed and clearly showed his experience by giving Lewis a neat boxing lesson in this stanza to earn himself a hard, well-deserved, clean-cut victory. DeJohn is the newly crowned champion. He weighed in at 181 pounds, and Lewis scaled 196.

In the semi-final of four rounds, Rocky Rios, 185, had an easy time in defeating Pete Louthis, 184½. Rocky had his own way throughout the entire bout and was never in any trouble.

In another four, Blondy Thomas made short work of Billy Williams by a kayo in the first. Blondy hit him exactly twice and each time for a knockdown, including the last one, which was the finish.

Joe Sanchez, 126, took the decision from the veteran Kid Waianae, 123, in a slow and uninteresting four-rounder.

Standing toe-to-toe for four sizzling rounds, Ben Ramos, 136, and Mariano Canales, 138, fought to a popular draw. This one was a crowd pleaser.

Vic Sagpang, 126, defeated Battling Pering, 128, in the opening four.

The crowd was estimated at 4,200 fans with a gross of $6,975.75.

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Ray Powell scored an overwhelming victory over Phil Furr to retain his Territorial middleweight title at the Civic Auditorium. The champ was the aggressor throughout the ten-rounder. Powell held the upper hand in eight of the ten rounds.

It was a bruising and rough fight with most of the milling done on the inside. The boys really dished out plenty of leather, with Ray using his speed and a good overhand right to advantage. The only time Furr showed his mettle was when he occasionally counterpunched. It was quite evident that youth clearly proved itself over age. Powell is 24 and Furr well over 30, and he looks it.

The first five rounds were slow due to the continual holding and clinching. However, the tempo was increased in the latter rounds. Ripper Ray was busy all night and swarmed all over his taller opponent. He was too strong and fast for the veteran campaigner. As early as the second round Furr's face was crimson where Ray hit the target. It remained that way all during the battle.

Furr's best round was the sixth, when he connected with short chopping rights to the head. He also jarred the Negro champ as they traded blows in close range. Ray came back and dished out plenty of leather and punishment to Furr to gain himself the undisputed and popular decision. It was an interesting bout the entire distance. Powell came in at 145 and Furr weighed 155¼.

In the semi-final of four rounds, Sabas Jamito, 136¼, licked Young Pancho, 138, in a waltz. This was the only prelim to go the distance.

Frank Fernandez, 138, met young, tough Dionoso Sosa, 144, and put him away in the third. For the first two rounds Sosa gave the ex-amateur champ plenty of trouble. It was an interesting contest while it lasted.

Joe Sanchez, 124¼, scored a sensational knockout in disposing of Little Rosa, 119¼, in just 35 seconds. Without raising a sweat or mussing his haircomb he hit Rosa flush on the chin with a titanic left.

James Jones, 150½, kayoed George Abel, 146, in the third.

Manuel Anduha, 127, put away Battling Pering, 126, in the fourth.

Carl Olsen, 135½, battered Bob Correa, 134, into submission in the second of the curtain-raiser.

The attendance was 4,200 and the gross was $6,892.50.

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Chico Rosa, the Territorial featherweight champ, retained his title when he easily defeated Ray Lewis in a dull and uninteresting bout held at the Civic Auditorium on August 27. It was a scheduled 12-rounder and Chico took ten out of the twelve stanzas. Rosa really tried to make a fight of it, however, Lewis was reluctant to mix it and was on his bicycle during the entire fracas. Chico dropped his man in the first.

For the next four rounds Chico chased Lewis all around the ring but couldn't catch up with his adversary. Toward the end of the fifth, Chico trapped Lewis in his own corner and lashed out with rights and lefts to the head and body. One hard right caught Lewis flush on the chin and he found himself on the floor completely dazed when the bell rang and saved him from a potential knockout. The only times that Lewis made an attempt to fight were in the seventh and eighth and halfway through the final stanza, but to no avail. It appeared that all Lewis wanted to do was to remain the distance of the contest. Rosa came in at 121¼ and Lewis weighed 125.

Billy James, the popular ex-amateur champ, fought his first five-rounder and handled himself well enough to give Vince Tritto a convincing drubbing. Tritto proved to be a tough customer during the bout but little Billy threw too much leather for his heavier opponent. James weighed 135½ and Tritto scaled 139.

It took just one round for Blondy Thomas, 184, to dispose of Vince Aruma, 206. The big boy could not answer the bell for the second round. Kid Bobo, 128¾, T.K.O.'ed Ben Ramos, 134, in the fourth. Flashy Henry, 128½, defeated Vic Sagpang, 125, in a four. Willie Gonzales, 125¼, did away with Young Goldie, 132, in two. Bob Sawtelle did a handy job of refereeing and the card drew 4,500 fans that grossed $8,290.

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The latest communique states that Jimmy Hursey, the popular lightweight, was injured in the battle of Saipan and was sent to an evacuation hospital. Augie Flowers is also in a hospital on Oahu as a result of the battle of Makin Island.


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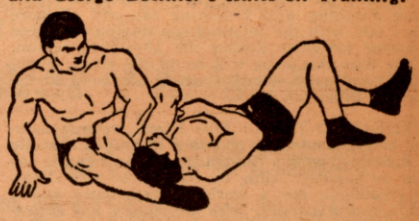

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## PHILADELPHIA NOTES
By NAT FRANK

HERMAN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania's ace promoter, gave the patients and personnel of the Valley Forge General Hospital a real treat recently. It was the kind of affair the boys will remember. Taylor went all out in getting a boxing show together for the men at the Hospital. He lined up bouts, real battles, and paid the contestants, he had exhibition matches, and he brought in fine men to act as referees. In addition, he hired a special bus to carry the celebrities and gave several hundred dollars to purchase cigarettes to be distributed in the wards.

All told the affair cost Taylor a pretty penny. In addition he had the assistance of his office help, Matchmaker Pete Moran, Emily Delaney Ward, his secretary, Jack Puggy, and your RING Correspondent, who heads the Taylor public relations bureau.

Taylor brought out Commander Jack Dempsey, Mickey Walker, who bossed the welterweight and middleweight classes; and Lt. Benny Leonard, retired undefeated king of the lightweights. Then there was the current world lightweight champion Private Bob Montgomery; Lew Tendler, the mightiest southpaw of them all; and Ike Williams, current challenger for Montgomery's crown.

They not only came to referee bouts or engage in exhibitions as Tendler and Leonard did or as Ike Williams did with Billy Furrone, but they also personally visited the wards to pass out the cigarettes, thousands of them, to those who couldn't navigate. Of course, in the huge gym, where the activities were held, the various brands of cigarettes were also distributed to the more fortunate who were able to witness the affair.

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Jimmy Toppi is going big time this season. He not only will operate weekly shows at the Olympia Club but will also put in a big time fistic program whenever opportunity presents itself at the Met. He recently purchased the old Metropolitan Opera House Building with a seating capacity of more than 7,000 with the intention of staging all kinds of indoor activities during the 1944-1945 season. By the time this issue will be off the press, Toppi will have already staged a couple of shows at the Olympia Club.

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THIS AND THAT: Allie Frank, veteran manager and promoter, is planning to gather a stable of fighters together and keep them fighting as often as possible. Allie, no relative of your RING Correspondent, has a world of experience and a vast acquaintanceship with promoters and newspapermen in all sections of the country, which serves him in good stead when attempting to get his fighters for the future lucrative engagements or mention made of them in the various fistic columns. . . . There hasn't been a fight card staged here since July 31, when Frankie Carto decisioned Jackie Floyd. Promoter Herman Taylor had two shows carded for August but both had to be shelved due to injured hands suffered by windup contestants. The first setback was when Sammy Angott, former lightweight champion of the world, injured his hand in training thereby forcing the postponing of his slated battle with Ike Williams. As this is being written, Angott, his hand now improved, is putting the finishing touches on his training for his Williams bout, which was dated for September 7. . . . The other setto halted was the one between Ralph 'Ripper' Zannelli, New England welterweight king, and Billy (K.O.) Arnold. Zannelli hurt his hand in training and this bout has been put back to September 19. . . . Tom Jones, veteran fight manager of New York City, is now managing the Olympia Gym, here. Tom is also getting together a good stable of gladiators of all weights.

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We are still relishing the habit of receiving letters from all parts of the globe. It not only makes us feel good to hear from all of you fighting boys but it also adds great pride to the thought that this column is being read in all four corners of the universe. Keep up the good work and continue writing to us, Nat Frank, 209 S. 53rd Street, Philadelphia 39, Pa.

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WITH THE OLDTIMERS: Sailor Cunningham is in the Veterans' hospital in Lyons, New Jersey. . . . Harry Blitman, the former southpaw featherweight sensation, is a reporter on *The Record*. . . . Both Roundy Donohue's youngsters are punching away for Uncle Sam. . . . Tom is a lieutenant on duty somewhere in the South Pacific, while Johnny is stationed at Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky. . . . The latter has seen action in most of the major campaigns. . . . Former magistrate Elias Myers, who performed in ring regalia as Ike Myers, was recently elected shop steward of Marine Shipbuilders' Local 42 at Cramp's shipyard. . . . His only son, George W., is in the South Pacific. . . . Pat O'Malley, who represented Southwark in middleweight circles several decades ago, is a prosperous Central City tavern keeper.

Sgt. Ray Smith, Camden *Courier-Post* reporter and South Jersey state deputy commissioner, is mourning the loss of his 19-year-old son, Charles A. B., who was fatally injured during the scuffling in Algeria. . . . The Sarge buried his wife, Mabel, only a short time ago. . . . Billy Buck Boyle suffered wounds in action on the Aleutian Islands. . . . Bobby Reynolds is being mentioned for a magistrate's berth in the November election. . . . Young Ike Ferguson retired from the Bureau of Fire after 30 years' continuous service. . . . A son, Willie, who was also a fireman, is with the Navy in South America. . . . Johnny Mealey's youngsters, Bud and Bob, met in England a fortnight ago. . . . Neither had seen the other since Pearl Harbor.

Pop Mealey is one of Billy Penn's better known chiropractors. . . . Joe Borrell, internationally known middleweight contender several decades ago, was managed at the time by George E. Brunner, Camden's three term Mayor. . . . Brunner is a candidate for reelection in the coming election. . . . Frankie Conway, totally blind since retiring from active ring warfare, owns and operates a string of night spots in New Jersey. . . . Heavyweight Joe Downey, who created a sensation hereabouts a few years ago by scoring two knockouts in one night, is in New Orleans awaiting shipment overseas. . . . Downey is with the Coast Guard.

Harlem Tommy Murphy is associated with the McFadden Publications and is a frequent visitor here. . . . Johnny Houck is managing a stable of fighters up Lancaster way. . . . His brother, Leo, has been coaching boxing at Penn State College for the past quarter century. . . . Johnny Hughes, the beautician, and Packey McFarland, the inspector of police, have adjoining bungalows in Medford Lakes, N. J. . . . McFarland organized the Older Boys Clubs in this city. . . . Bearcat Raymond, the ancient clown boxer, is employed at the Sun Shipbuilding Corporation in Chester, Pa.

## NEW ENGLAND BOXING NEWS
By DAN "DOC" AVERY, JR.

SEVERAL business men in Vermont are planning to back boxing in various parts.

Former bantam- and featherweight champion of New England, Barney Snyder, and Billy Rolfe, another N. E. amateur welterweight champ, are interested in the Brown Bomber, a pretty good middleweight. The Brown Bomber is stationed at the West Roxbury Veterans' Hospital.

The following boys are seeking bouts in New England states, Leon Stokes of Detroit, Young Terry, and Jackie Taylor from Vancouver, Washington, and Stanley Jackson from New York. All the boys are pretty good middleweights, and should find no trouble in securing matches around these parts, as there are many middleweights here.

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There is talk around Boston of a new club to be opened here shortly, to be named the National Allied Boxing Association, with a well-known Chicago boxing man as the promoter and matchmaker.

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The New England boxing commissions would do a real good thing for boxing if they would check persons who apply for managers' licenses, and seconds' licenses, before issuing such. There are a number of such individuals floating around who do not know the boxing game, and have no fighters, but go around the various fight clubs and gymnasiums, trying to steal fighters from other managers who understand the boxing game, have experience to handle a fighter honestly, properly, and honorably.

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To the many RING Magazine readers who cannot secure their copies, please be patient. This war will not go on forever, and I hope very soon that Nat Fleischer will offer more copies for sale to the various distributors so that you can get a copy every month. I know that under the war conditions it is very hard for him and the other members of this magazine to offer sufficient magazines to the public. Your many letters and postcards received from this New England area seeking information for the purchase of THE RING, is greatly appreciated. The best way to make certain you can get a RING Magazine, is to subscribe for it.

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Eddie Shapiro, the Worcester furrier who manages Leo Sawicki, now stationed at Camp Wheeler, Ga., has taken over the management of Verne Patterson, Chicago middleweight, who is now making his home at Worcester, Mass.

Leo Sawicki, home on a furlough from Camp Wheeler, Ga., knocked out Frankie Turcotte of Brooklyn, in one round. The weights were Sawicki, 148; Turcotte, 147. A large crowd was present at the Worcester club to pay tribute to the Worcester lad. Corky Davis knocked out Al Sforza in the semi-final four rounder.

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Manchester, New Hampshire, is back on the map, and offered its first show in many months on August 11th. Frankie Ross, 145, Boston, and Oscar Suggs, 150, New Bedford, fought a ten-round draw. Tony Compo, Boston, won on a foul over Joe Gillis, of Squantum, Mass., in five rounds.

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West Springfield, Mass.—Al Caroly, matchmaker of the West Side Dog Track, is doing a great job, and giving the fans good cards.

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Jimmy Grinnage, Henry Armstrong's lightheavyweight, is now making his home in New Bedford, Mass. While in the East he will be handled by the writer who has arranged a number of matches for the Philly Negro light-heavy contender.

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Coley Welch, New England middleweight champion from Portland, Maine, 160 pounds, successfully defended his New England title against Jerry Maloni of Springfield, Mass., whom he easily defeated in twelve rounds at the Dog Track. The Maine Irishman concentrated on infighting. He won 11 out of the 12 rounds. This was the first championship bout held in these parts in a period of more than fifteen years, and drew 4137 fans who paid a gross gate of $11,313.40.

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Frank Perry of Hyde Park, Boston, lightweight, and the son of old George Perry, former New England light-heavyweight champion, will swing into action soon at Dilboy Field, Somerville, in another of a series of amateur boxing shows to be presented by the George Dilboy Post V.F.W. In his only previous start at Dilboy, young Perry captured the 135-pound class honors.

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The Sudan A.C., under Clem Crawley, has filed a complete list of entries for his amateur show at the Dorchester club.

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Tony Shucco, the Boston heavyweight, was stopped in the seventh by Pvt. Al Hart, 226-pound soldier from Camp Kilmore, N. J.

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Joe Bennett, Hartford, Conn., middleweight, managed by Bob Gleason, appeared for the second time in Massachusetts rings. He has fought Jerry Maloni at Springfield and Coolidge Miller at Fall River. Gleason is also showing his former featherweight champion Phil Terranova around the Silverman clubs in Massachusetts.

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George Patzer of the New Bedford *Standard-Times*, has done a great deal to help the boxing game with his daily column.

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Paul Bowser will start his wrestling shows after Labor Day.

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Wrestlers, boxers, managers, and promoters, send in your stories to the writers before the first of each month, so that the news can be used. Please be as brief as possible.

Discharged servicemen, unattached fighters and managers, who would care to appear in New England rings, kindly get in touch with the writer at Village Street, Millis, Mass. Send full particulars, as to age, weight, color, and results of fights you have had.

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Stoney Jackson, Baltimore light-heavy, who has fought Jimmy Bivins, Tommy Yarosz, Jimmy Burns, Bill Niland, and many others, is seeking action in New England rings. Another good prospect who would like to show in New England rings is Tommy Clark from Los Angeles, California. Clark has fought some good boys out West. Among his victories are those over Richard Polite, Bobby Yeager, Dencio Cabanella. He recently knocked out Eddie Marcus in seven rounds in California. He is a 135-pounder.

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Sgt. Jack Porter, former British amateur heavyweight champion, European Police champion and present holder of the Canadian Eastern title by virtue of his victory over Tiger Warrington in two rounds, seeks bouts in this country.

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Porter is anxious to secure matches with the following boys in the states: Gunnar Barlund, Lee Savold, Al Patterson, Gilbert Stromquist, Joe Baksi, Curtis Sheppard, Melio Bettina, Lee Oma, Tami Mauriello, and Lou Nova. Promoters who would like to book the English heavy can contact the writer.

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Jackie Martin of Boston, former bantam star, informs the writer that his fighter Tony Oshiro will fight under the name of Young Tony, and will be ready to resume fighting in September. He also informs us that he received word from his heavyweight Johnny Pretzie that he has gone overseas, and will resume his boxing career when the war is over. Both boys are very good prospects.

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Former heavyweight Harry Allen, from Brockton, has been recently discharged from the Cushing Hospital, Framingham, Mass. Allen has seen action overseas.

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## DREW FIELD AND FLORIDA CHATTER

By PVT. W. C. "DUBB" JETTON

BUDDY ROSE and Ray Atkins, the two top middleweights here, fought to a six-round draw in a slam-bang affair and the Third Air Force still doesn't have a middleweight champion.

Mike "Popeye" Holland, the 38-year-old Drew Field boxer, and Cpl. Manuel Ramirez fought to a very fast draw. "Popeye" also found a match for his clowning when Ramirez had some faces of his own to make at his opponent.

In other bouts, Sgt. August Scacia, 120, and Sgt. Sal Loperfito, 129, also fought for three rounds to a draw. Pvt. Cliff Nowlin, 158, won a very rugged decision from Pfc. Emil Cruz, 160, after hitting the canvas in the first heat. Nowlin hails from Santa Rosa, Calif.

Cpl. Marvin Kahn, 155, dropped Cpl. Melvin Jaco, 153, four times to cop an easy win. Jaco was a willing fighter, but tired very easily.

Pvt. George Gigure from Bridgeport, Conn., and Pfc. Johnny Enriquez of Los Angeles fought a great draw. Both are welters.

Pvt. Kid Dillenger, McDill Field, won from Sonny Kushner by a T.K.O. in the second round.

Cliff Nowlin, 156, also won by a T.K.O. over Johnny Williams when a badly cut lip caused a halt to the bout. Pfc. Dave Hartig fought an exhibition bout with Bill Michie. Both men are middleweights.

George Gigure and Johnny Enriquez fought another one of their fast milling bouts, and this time Gigure was the victor. But not until after he had been stung by the Californian.

Pvt. Cliff Nowlin and Pvt. Charles Rhodes went three rounds in a very fast slugging bout that ended in a draw decision.

Cpl. Benito DeCasses, 175, lost by a T.K.O. to Pvt. James Curtis.

RINGSIDE NOTES—Hats off to the 1st Tng. Regt. Special Service. They are doing a great job by giving the soldiers of Drew Field and their friends just what they want in these good fights.

I still haven't enough fighters' pictures for my album—either amateur or pro. Keep sending them in, fellows. Need more news from Jacksonville. Send all notes and pictures to "Dubb" Jetton, 105 Cedar St., Tampa, Fla.

## WITH OUR SOLDIERS IN THE PERSIAN GULF COMMAND

MOUNTAIN DISTRICT—A howling crowd of fight fans cheered lustily as Sgt. John Caffaro presented a fine inter-allied boxing card at Camp Atterbury. The nine-bout show was supplemented by a well-received weight-lifting exhibition featuring Nadari, Iranian champ and instructor, and several of his pupils.

PGC boxers copped the nod in the inter-allied tussle, winning four bouts while the British sluggers were collecting but two.

Rene "Shorty" Valiquet opened the show with a decision over Sistine Velocchi, 3232d QM from Kazvin. The 730th boxer was particularly effective with his body punches.

Eddie Wilshusen, lately of Kazvin, copped the first inter-allied duel, turning back Lennie "Smiley" Holland of the Royal Sussex Regiment. This was a good one all the way.

Victory No. 2 for PGC was scored by Joe "Jinx" Murphy, Hq. & Hq. Co., who trimmed Jimmy Weirn, Britisher from Portsmouth.

Charley Skinner, 727th MPs, outlasted Tommy Coppard, Royal Sussex Regiment, in an interesting go, although both tired in the late stages.

In the best bout of the evening, George Warren, Hq. & Hq. Co., wilted before the frenzied two-fisted attack of MP Ray Turner. Turner's fast finish in a torrid slugfest paid off.

The British hit paydirt when Dickie Wood, Glasgow, Scotland, trimmed Lloyd Price. Wood forced the fight all the way.

The British scored again when Billy Hawkins, RAF, decisioned Jimmy Brugaletta, 754th, in a close one, making 3-2 with the PGC'ers leading.

Joe Solar of 3452d Ord., Kazvin, clinched the nod for the PGC hopes when he decisioned Bill "Tiger" Yeirworth in the main go. The Britisher fought too much of a defensive fight, and Solar's jabs clicked.

## SOLDIER PUGS IN CHINA IN THEIR FIRST MEET

HEADQUARTERS, 14th AAF, China—The boxing season opened recently at Flying Tiger Headquarters with an attendance of nearly 2,000 GI's, officers and Chinese. Ten bouts were presented under the direction of Lt. Col. Fred Thomsen, Special Service officer, and Capt. Mark Conn, former Golden Gloves champ. Because of the thin air, occasioned by the high altitude, all bouts were limited to three two-minute rounds.

Outstanding was the performance of S. J. Hendricks, a rangy battler representing the Liberators. Hendricks, weighing 151 pounds, scored a technical kayo over Rodger Tennyson, 152, of the Service Group. The boys were evenly matched and turned in the type of slam-bang performance reminiscent of the old Paddy McGuigan days.

Tommy Webb, 180, also representing the Liberators, scored a technical knockout over Cecil Worsham, 180, of the Service Group. Both boys displayed excellent form.

Bill Haines. 126, of SOS Headquarters, won a close decision over George Emanuel, 129, of the ATC, and Carl Boyd won from Tommy Lew, a Chinese-American lad, when Tommy accidentally struck a low blow in the second round.

Another close decision was the win of Aubrey Downey, 145, of the Liberators, over Eddie Holland, 145, Signal Corps. Hardinge Lee, Chinese-American soldier, representing the Signal Corps, won handily over Bob Gezee, ATC. Both boys weighed in at 145.

Albie Wollam, 135, Liberators, made a flash finish to win the decision over Johnny Bennehose, 130, of the Liberators. Ernie Beres, 152, 14th AAF Headquarters, breezed away handily in the three-rounder with Jack Ferguson, 150, of ATC. Ben Altyn, 157, Liberators, scored a technical kayo over Jesse Rogers, 155, Service group, in the second round of a scheduled three. Irving Woods, 172, of ATC, gave away eight pounds to outpoint Ed Korsinsky, 180, of a fighter group.

## BOXING IN PANAMA

By ROBERTO A. TORRES

AT the National Gymnasium, Ernesto Reid, 140¼, knocked out Baby Hunt, 140, in three rounds; Colombia Kid, 132¾, knocked out Ivan Coleson, 130½, in two rounds; Simon Vergara, 119¾, knocked out Baby Zuniga, 118¼, in four rounds, and Kid Slammer, 124½, former featherweight champion of Panama, won an impressive ten-round decision over Sammy Medina, 125¾, present bantamweight champion of Panama. Slammer's long reach was the important factor in winning his return match against Medina. The Kid used a long left jab, followed by a looping uppercut, to defeat the bantamweight champion of Panama.

Baby Uribe, 117, Colombia, won an eight-round decision over Baby Alfaro.

At the Tropical Club, Young Sampson, 135, and Slim Terror, 133, thrilled a packed house by fighting a furious ten-round draw. Neither gave ground during the fray. Previously, Sampson had knocked out Slim Terror in three rounds, but the boy from Belize, Honduras, fought every inch and received a loud applause at the end.

Young Pancho, 148, Panama City, scored an impressive six-round decision over Eloy Austin, 147, Colombia; Pat Valentino, 123, decisioned Fernando Kid, 120, in four rounds, and Baby Anthony, 114, knocked out Bert Granard in three rounds.

At the National Gymnasium, Speedy Lasso, 110¼, decisioned Llano Kid in four rounds; Baby Nicholls, 127¼, decisioned Baby Luis, 125, in four heats, and Ernesto Reid, 139½, who is fast becoming a favorite with Panama City fight fans, knocked out Baby Real, 137¾, in the fifth round of a six-rounder.

Santiago Sosa, 135½, former lightweight champion of Cuba, had sweet revenge when he pounded out an impressive ten-round decision over Al Carlos, 134¾, Colon. Three weeks previously, Carlos handed Sosa a whipping. The Cuban got serious and demanded a return bout, which Carlos accepted, with the result stated above.

At the National Gymnasium, Nacho Castaneda, 111, decisioned Speedy Lasso, 111, in four rounds; Goyo Castaneda, 111½, won a clear-cut decision over Papito Despaigne in four, and Simon Vergara, 119½, knocked out Martin Olivardia, 117¾, in the fifth round of a six-rounder, this being the first knockout suffered by Olivardia.

John "Wild Bull" Pino, 117¼, making his first appearance after being knocked out by Guillermo Andrade, took the full measure of Lorenzo Safora, 117, former bantamweight champion of Cuba, in ten heats. Pino piled up an early lead which was sufficient to withstand Safora's grand stand at the end.

John Bill, 115¼, Colombia, scored an impressive ten-round decision over Young Yellow, 117, Panama. Yellow had Bill on the canvas twice in the early rounds but the Colombian, who is as game as they come, managed to get off the canvas and weather the storm in the early rounds, with the fight about even at the end of the ninth. Both boys came out in the last canto and whaled into each other. Bill had Yellow on the floor for a nine-count and gave him a terrible lacing to win unanimously.

Baby Chente, 103, and Carlos Romero, 104, fought a six-round draw; Cesar Leal, 110, won a four-round decision over Daniel Martinez, 109¼, and Humberto Aleman, 118, decisioned Baby Carlos in four heats.

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## SOUTHERN OHIO JABS
**By J. JIMMIE AMANN**

THE Northern Athletic Club, Dayton, was the only active club during the past month. Headed by Matchmaker Lee Hammond, it has staged some good shows in the Gem City, but has been hit with some tough breaks. Despite the latter, the club is planning to go ahead and at this writing is working on an indoor site for winter programs.

On the night of August 25, Matchmaker Hammond presented Costner against Pvt. Dave Bruce of Orange, N. J. The latter proved little or no competition for the Cincinnati clubber with the result that Bruce called it "quits" before the conclusion of the initial session.

In the chief supporting bouts, Willie Russell, Columbus, O., welter, knocked out Marty Doyle of Detroit in round one and Leo Cartwright and Billy Barrett, both of Dayton, traveled six fast rounds, with Cartwright returned the victor.

The Montgomery County Boxing Commission suspended Bruce.

Cincinnati, as yet, has no boxing. The Cincinnati Boxing Commission should in fairness to all of the many fight fans in this territory, give strong consideration to any promoter, with a good record, who can show results. This column will be behind any logical fight promoter who elects to operate. Cincinnati needs boxing and boxing could use Cincinnati.

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Around Fountain Square with the Punchers and Their Pilots . . . heard from Joe French, Indiana, and former RING scribe from that territory. . . . Joe was home on furlough from the service and reports that he has a long list of plans for after the war, which means French will be back in there in the fight biz. . . . Iver Hanson, Chicago manager, has teamed up with another Windy City pilot and between the two they have one of the strongest boxing stables in the Middle West. . . . good going Iver. . . . Dave Clark, the New Richmond youngster, looks like the goods. . . . Abe Skurow has this youngster under contract. . . . thanks to George Ades, Milwaukee and Chicago promoter-manager, I secured the address of Herman Katz in Los Angeles. . . . How about a line, Herman? . . . Al Delivan, former good New York middleweight, is aspiring to a job as a trainer of some good stable. . . . Any manager who wishes a good reliable trainer can contact this writer for Al's fine services. . . . Rumor has it that clubs in Northern Kentucky will be back in the boxing game this winter. . . . Freddie Schott, former Akron amateur heavy, is taking the Eastern rings by storm. . . . It seems like a few months ago when Freddie was No. 2 on our world's amateur boxing ratings. . . . Morris Corona, former Texas amateur welterweight, is stationed with the service at Roosevelt Base, California, where he is boxing instructor. . . . Those interested in securing my monthly fight flashes service can do so by addressing $1.00 to the scribe for one year to Jimmie Amann, 6716 Palmetto St., Cincinnati, Ohio. . . . This address also available to fighters of all weights and managers who wish national contact and bookings. . . . Merle Richard, Detroit fight pilot, has a good stable, ready at all times for action. . . . Jack Davis, former Cincinnati fighter and manager, and Sam Thompson, former East Chicago, Ind., fight writer, are reported to be soon teaming up . . . destination Los Angeles, where both are now residing. . . . Those interested in one one-dollar Manager's and Promoter's Guide in which 450 names and addresses are listed can secure information from the writer's address listed above.

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At Chicago on July 24, Bob Garner, Louisville 170-pounder, drew in eight rounds with Dan Merritt, Cleveland heavyweight.


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## MINNESOTA NEWS
**By BILLY COLBERT**

BUD TIBBITTS, Rosemount, Minn., welterweight, was killed in action in Normandy. Bud boxed all the best boys in the amateur and professional classes in the Northwest for five years before enlisting in the Army and was well liked by everybody. Tom Shaughnessey, a lieutenant in the Army Air Corps, was wounded in France. He is now recovering from his wounds. He was also a welterweight from St. Paul.

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Bill Zuke, Northwest Golden Glove heavyweight champion in 1942, now a corporal in the Army Air Corps and stationed in Nebraska, has had 40 fights since being in the service and has won them all, including the West Coast Heavyweight Crown when he was stationed at Salt Lake City.

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Johnny De Otis, former Minneapolis boxer now in the Navy, is stationed at Seattle in the Welfare and Recreation department. Johnny is teaching boxing and judo.

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Earl Kane and Jack (Parson) Tierney are two boxing coaches who work hard all year around and have the best bunch of amateur boxers in the Northwest.

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Lloyd Harder, the popular amateur featherweight from Minneapolis, is with the Marines in the South Pacific.

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Tony Stecher, the Minneapolis boxing promoter, is staging shows regularly and giving the fans some great fights in Minneapolis.

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Marv Wason, St. Paul promising heavyweight, a Marine, was wounded at Saipan and is now recovering in a hospital in California.

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Earl Pederson, Appleton, Minn., middleweight boxer, is back on furlough after spending 26 months across the sea in the Navy. He is a first-class petty officer in the Amphibious Force in charge of the landing craft. Earl boxed all the best boys around the Northwest and plans to continue boxing as soon as the war is over.

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Gene Frederickson, North St. Paul lightweight, is in the Army stationed at Honolulu. He is now a top sergeant in the Infantry. He enlisted over three years ago.

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Ray Temple, star lightweight 25 years ago, is now instructing boxers at the Gibbons Gym in St. Paul.

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Pvt. Billy King, St. Paul lightweight, has just returned from overseas and is now at Camp Buttner, N. C. He won the welterweight championship in the Army in California and boxed the best amateurs around the Twin Cities in 1939 and 1940.

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Warren McGill, who boxed under the name of Billy McFarland, is now a sergeant in the Marine Corps. He has been overseas for two years.

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Blaine Young, the amateur middleweight from Minot, N. D., who made such a hit on St. Paul and Duluth boxing cards, won the middleweight title at Camp Ward, Idaho, in the Navy.

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Mike Fischer, St. Paul heavyweight, is now an aviation cadet. He is at school in San Antonio, training to be a flyer. Mike was a pretty good heavyweight around the Twin Cities and boxed all the best boys in his class.

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Lloyd Klefstad, the Northfield, Minn., welterweight, is now a doctor in a U. S. Navy Hospital in California.

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Bobby Ward received an honorable discharge from the Marines and is now on the way to Buffalo, N. Y. Bobby is one of the best referees in this state and a veteran of World War No. I, also. As a lightweight in the twenties, he boxed the best including Rocky Kansas, Benny Leonard and Matt Brock.

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Captain Jim McNamara, St. Thomas College, well-known athlete and sports announcer in Los Angeles, where he broadcast the fights in Hollywood Bowl before entering the service, is now seeing plenty of action. Mac is with the 90th Infantry Division in Normandy and his outfit was the first to land there.

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Johnny Anderson, brother of Joey Anderson, Minneapolis featherweight, is overseas with the 90th Infantry Division in Normandy.

Howie (Dynamite Dixie) Hobbs, fight manager and trainer, has retired for the duration.

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Chet Roan is the director of the Northwest Golden Glove Tournament and is already getting things lined up for next season. Chet is one of the best liked fellows in the boxing game.

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Any boxer wishing to show his wares in Minnesota can contact the writer at the Hamm Bldg., St. Paul. Send in your news for this column before the third of the month and subscribe to THE RING and send it to the boys in the service.

## NEWS FROM FORT BRAGG, N. C.
**By FIRST SGT. LALEE J. MILLS**

THE Special Training Unit got its second boxing tournament under way under the supervision of Lt. Greve, Special Service Officer of the Special Training Unit. The leather pushing youngsters provided plenty of action for some one thousand fans who attended the show.

Pvt. Earl Burch, 125, of the 7th Co., decisioned Pvt. Lonnie Hill, 125, of the 1st Co. Pvt. J. L. Crosby, 135, of the 2nd Co., beat Pvt. Richard Scott, 135, of the 7th Co. Pvt. Edward Smith, 145, of the 1st Co., won from Pvt. Oscar Murray, 145, of the 10th Co. Pvt. John Flowers, 155, of the 8th Co., T.K.O.'ed Pvt. Charlie Holmes, 155, of the 7th Co.

Pvt. Lonnie Mann of the 175-pound class and in the 10th Co., T.K.O.'ed Pvt. George Brown, 175, of the 6th Co. Pvt. Willie Truesdale, 135, of the 1st Co., decisioned Pvt. Charlie Samuels, 135, of the 3rd Co. Pvt. James Woods, 165, of the 2nd Co., and Pvt. Joseph Kennedy, 165, of the 8th Co., fought to a draw. Pvt. Walter Powell, 6th Co., weighing 175, decisioned Pvt. Henry McDowell of the 7th Co., also weighing 175. Pvt. Silas McKoy, 7th Co., in the heavyweight class, battled to a draw with Pvt. Marvin Keener, 1st Co., also of that particular class.

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A week later another card was staged. Here are the results:

Pvt. Hazel Mason, 135, of the 10th Co., decisioned James Baldwin, 135, of the 8th Co. Pvt. Evans Capers, 8th Co., weighing 145 pounds, beat Timothy McMillan, 145, of the 6th Co. Pvt. Charles Pickens, of the 4th Co., and in the 155-pound class, T.K.O.'ed Pvt. James Smith, weighing 155, and in the 9th Co. Pvt. Walter Kornegay, 4th Co., scaling 165 pounds, won from Pvt. Joseph Kennedy, of the 8th Co., weighing 165 pounds. Pvt. Levi Pollin, 125, 4th Co., T.K.O.'ed Pvt. William Devaugham, 125, of the 3rd Co. Pvt. H. T. Sullivan, 155, of the 3rd Co., decisioned Pvt. Johnnie Thompson, 155, of the 5th Co. Pvt. Clarence Pless, heavyweight and in the 4th Co., scored over Pvt. Benjamin Applewhite, of the 8th Co., also in the heavyweight class.

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Five days later a third meet was held with these results: Pvt. Edward Hartzog, 155, of the 10th Co., T.K.O.'ed Pvt. Moses Watkins, 155, of the 2nd Co. Pvt. Roscoe Reels, 165, of the 3rd Co., decisioned Pvt. Emmett Bethea, 165, of the 9th Co. Pvt. James Graham, 175, of the 2nd Co., T.K.O.'ed Pvt. Fred Ross, 175, of the 4th Co. Pvt. Marvin Harrison, 165, of the 6th Co., beat Pvt. Paul Howell, 165, of the 10th Co. Pvt. Morris Smalls, 155, of the 1st Co., slugged to a draw with Pvt. H. T. Sullivan, 155, of the 3rd Co.


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## WRESTLING NEWS FROM HAWAII

By THEODORE YAMACHIKA

A NEW Central Pacific area service wrestling champion was crowned when Axel Madsen dethroned Babe Smolenski before a packed house at the local Civic Auditorium recently. Axel, who hails from New York, is no newcomer to local rings. The popular new champion has been showing in semi-final and main-event bouts for the last six months and is undefeated to date. Madsen won the title by pinning the Babe with his famed crucifix hold for the initial and deciding falls. Smolenski won the middle fall with a Boston crab.

Axel is the new champ but he is not yet resting on his laurels. There's one more crown, the Hawaiian junior heavyweight one, held by Charley Carr, which he wants badly and already he's clamoring for a championship bout. And it won't be long before such a match materializes if Madsen can make 180 pounds because Charley Carr insists he's willing to defend his title against logical contenders if they come in under the junior heavyweight requirements.

Bucky O'Neill, the original King Kong of the local mats, returned to activity again after hibernating for well-nigh half a year. In a team match he and Sammy Cohen, both rated as villains, claimed the Territorial team championship by winning two complete falls over Charley Carr and Chester Hayes. In this bout Bucky proved that he is as tough as ever and would give any of the topnotchers a terrific battle. Bucky is eager to wrestle any one of them and especially Charley Carr for THE RING Belt.

Local-born grappler Jimmy Gonsalves proved that he has come a long way since he took up the groan game more than a year ago by giving Kaimon Kudo a going-over in a semi-final bout. Although he lost the decision, a booed one at that, Gonsalves flashed enough stuff to warrant his appearing in more top bouts. Jimmy stands head and shoulders above the half-dozen local boys who turned professional about the same time, boys like Bill Kaiser, Bolo Bataan and Doug Corregidor. Promoter Al Karasick predicts a bright future for this young wrestler.

The most popular villain in these parts these days is "don't give the sucker a break" Sammy Cohen. His dirty tactics of kicking his opponents, plus eye gouging, ear biting and hair pulling, is always greeted by thunderous boos, but Sammy doesn't seem to mind them at all. In fact, he seems to thrive on them. It is Sammy's boast that he can outrough any guy on two feet and he has displayed his prowess many a time.

A newcomer by the monicker of Elbert Lewallen is making his presence felt pretty keenly by the other grapplers. Don't let the name of Elbert mislead you for he is no softie. He made a name for himself showing at the Schofield Bowl, where free wrestling shows are put on every third week by Promoter Al Karasick for servicemen. With a few more bouts under his belt he'll be ready for Babe Smolenski or Axel Madsen. Those matches would please Elbert not a little.

Other grapplers appearing here regularly are Kaimon Kudo, Ken Blair, Bill Steddum, Big Boy Clement, Chester Hayes, Eddie Huot and Speedy Davis.

## VINNIE ROSSANO'S BOUTS IN ITALY A BIG SUCCESS

PFC. MIKE MONTANINO, who boxed under the name of Vinnie Rossano in New York, the promoter and matchmaker of the boxing shows at the Seventh Replacement Depot Somewhere in Italy, is proud of the talent he has on hand for his various shows. The men eagerly await the weekly affairs, staged for the entertainment of the servicemen and -women. In his most recent "smoker" held at the Agnano race track, Mike had a number of men who had competed with success in the Inter-Allied boxing bouts in Algiers several months ago.

In the feature event, scheduled for four rounds, Alberto Pescatore, Naples, raced out of his corner and put the slug on Benny Williams, San Antonio, Texas. The Lone Star State boy went down for a short count and then was chilled for keeps at 1:30 of the same round.

Marshall Higa, Honolulu warrior who holds the Allied bantam pro crown, tattooed Carlo Cipolaro, Naples, for three rounds to gain an easy decision. Ray Nakamine, also of Honolulu, who was runner-up for the Inter-Allied bantam amateur crown, whaled the stuffings out of Antero Barbaro, Naples, and after 1:22 of the second round, Referee Al Weisberger stopped the bout.

Driving hard all the way, Tony Belmonte, Naples, smothered Tommy Mori, Honolulu, under an avalanche of blows and copped a unanimous verdict.

Two willing flyweights, Ray Jenkins, Detroit, and Mario Stella, Naples, teed off from the bell and were a couple of tired boys at the end. Jenkins got the nod. In another three-rounder, Salvatore Ciatola, Naples, outpointed James H. Williams, Pittsburgh.


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## LOWRY FIELD BOXING NOTES

By PVT. BRUCE H. MONTGOMERY

THE finals of the Lowry Field Boxing Tournament were fought August 14th in the outdoor ring of Lowry Field No. 1 before enthusiastic spectators. Lt. Yordy, Lt. Shumard, and Lt. Racusin staged one of the best tournaments Lowry has had. There were fifty-five entrants and eight champions were crowned. Each winner received a silver glove presented by Lt. Racusin. The winning team was from Section P and Capt. Mason received the handsome trophy at the conclusion of the last fight. Cpl. Joe Greer received the runner-up team trophy which was won by Section R. The results:

115 pounds—Pvt. David Owens, Denver, Colo., southpaw from Section Q, won a clearcut decision over Pvt. Tom Kelly, Section P, who tired badly in the second round.

125 pounds—Pvt. Cal Burleson, California Golden Glover, Kettle Falls, Washington, fighting out of Section N, outclassed Pvt. Chuck Thomas, Armament School student, to win the Field Featherweight title. Burleson handled himself like a veteran at all times.

135 pounds—Pvt. Joe Lowry used a sharp left hand to score repeatedly to the face of Pvt. Ernst Schwartz, Madisonville, La., in the early part of the lightweight tussle, but could not hold off Schwartz's rushes and the latter won the decision.

145 pounds—Pvt. Earl Smith of Section U won the welterweight championship in impressive style. The outstanding fighter of the night, Smith defeated Pvt. Ray Huntley by a T.K.O. in one minute and fifty seconds of the second round. Huntley who was just as outstanding for his gameness, got off the canvas five times before his seconds wisely stopped the one-sided fray.

155 pounds—Pvt. Slater, Pasadena, Calif., representing Section U, used his left jab to win a close decision over Pvt. Rodger Burkley, Section R. This was a close, hard-fought scrap.

165 pounds—Pvt. Bob Bushouse, Kalamazoo, Mich., from Section P, and Pvt. Bill Laughlin, Walnut Creek, Calif., of Section P, put on a slugging match for three rounds. This bout was action-packed from bell to bell and had the crowd on its feet throughout. It was a most exciting fight.

175 pounds—Pvt. Wayne Davenport, who hails from Topeka, Kansas, of Section P, and Pvt. Milton Jones, York, Pa., an Armament Student from Section H, put on another slugging bee that was almost as thrilling as the 165 pounds bout. Jones seemed in a little better shape than his opponent and won the championship by a T.K.O. in 35 seconds of the third round.

Heavyweight—Cpl. Don Rust had too much experience for Pvt. Slade, New Jersey, and won by a T.K.O. in the last round of the heavyweight match.

## BOXING AT DAVIS, CALIF.

By SGT. RAY KELLER

BOXING at Camp Kohler is dead. There isn't an active fighter on the whole post. In fact, the whole camp is fast forming into unit training and is getting smaller every day. But here at the Western Signal Corps School in California there has been a little action. At least every day Coach Myron Schall puts the G.I. Joe's through boxing drills. Coach Schall was "best man" on the U.S.S. *Pocahontas* during the last war, and he was a very good middleweight pro, too.

Cpl. Buddy Gomer has been assigned to the 3187th Signal Service Battalion, and will be reporting back to Camp Kohler upon completion of his schooling here in radio . . . . S/Sgt. Ray Schwartz, editor of the Camp Kohler *Message*, has been shipped to Camp Crowder, Mo. . . . . Sgt. Mickey Fodor, editor of the Davis *Signaleer*, has been shipped to the same place . . . . Ditto for Cpl. Mike Margolis, former Los Angeles middleweight amateur, who was in Special Services here . . . . Also Cpl. Carl Boyer, swimming instructor here . . . . All of these men are now at Camp Crowder, Mo. . . . . Tech. Sgt. Hugh Lackey, once a heavyweight boxer from Carolina, and for a time a boxing coach at Camp Kohler, is now somewhere in New Caledonia with the Signal Service Co. . . . . Cpl. Bernie Reyes, former Camp Kohler boxing coach, is still at Camp Crowder, Mo. . . . . Pvt. Irving Chroman, former St. Louis amateur light-heavyweight, has finished his Radio Repairman's course here, and has shipped back to Camp Kohler, Calif. . . . . Cpl. Buddy Gomer is the only boxer left on this post . . . . Buddy, a former middleweight contender, has been training hard every day and is now down to 164, his fighting weight when he was knocking them dead as a civilian back in the Middle West . . . . The writer has taken the Davis news this time rather than that of Camp Kohler, since athletics at Kohler are practically nil.

## TACOMA, WASH., NEWS

By HOMER AMUNDSEN

THE boxing sport in this Puget Sound city has been salted down airtight for many months. However, at the war's end, Tacoma will be right back in the running.

When life is restored in local boxing here this writer will be ready for the expected ring invasion with one of the most complete gyms in the West. The best equipment money can buy has been installed in this gym, known as the 20th Century Gymnasium.

The best looking boxing prospect in the city is blonde 16-year-old Dick Ross. Ross hits the Toledo's at 168 pounds, is growing, and no doubt will be a heavyweight.

Former World Heavyweight Champion Jack Dempsey was in Tacoma on a War Bond drive. Jack drew thousands of admirers.

The popular ex-champ paid a visit to the gym where he posed for pictures and gave ring tips to young Dick Ross and others. Jack was greatly impressed with the gym layout here.

Will Maylon, Tacoma boxing promoter, had his state license renewed and will no doubt get something going before many moons in the boxing line here. Maylon is a smart ring promoter and he knows what the fans want.

Elliott Metcalf, the peer of Northwest and Coast sports writers, continues to pound out lively sports topics for the Tacoma *Times*. Met, as he is known to thousands, is a wise judge of ring talent.

Freddie Steele, former Tacoman and ex-world middleweight titleholder, is doing quite well down Hollywood way as an actor.

Leo Center, a lightheavy of old Dixie, is stationed at a Navy receiving barracks nearby. Leo, while at this station, will go through ring or gym chores at this gymnasium. Center knows all the tricks and will teach some of his stuff to young Dick Ross in workouts.


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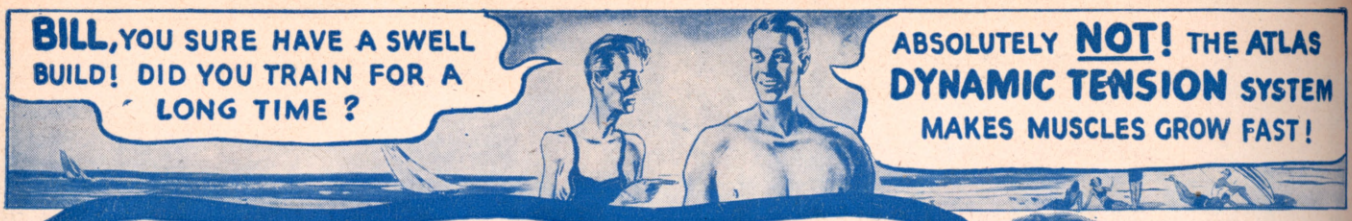


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